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PREFATORY NOTE.

The project of publishing the manuscript Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Synod of Ulster originated in a suggestion of the late Rev. Thomas Witherow, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology in Magee College, Londonderry. Professor Witherow, in 1871, on the recommendation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland—of which the Synod of Ulster since 1840 has been a constituent part—obtained from the Synod the loan of its unprinted records, then in the keeping of the Rev. Robert Park, Clerk of the Synod and First Clerk of the Assembly; and also received permission to make extracts from them for historical and literary purposes. A similar use of the records had been previously enjoyed by Professor James Seaton Reid, D.D., M.R.I.A., former Clerk of the Synod and of the Assembly, and by Professor W. D. Killen, D.D., President of the Assembly's College, Belfast. In 1872, when returning the minutes and thanking by letter the Synod for their use, Dr. Witherow suggested that the official records from 1691 to 1803 should be printed, lest an accident might lead to their destruction. This communication was referred to the Assembly then in session, with the recommendation that steps should be taken to have the suggestion carried out; but though a committee was nominated to inquire and report on the expediency of the undertaking, and this committee had the subject before it for two years, at the end of that time it was thought unwise to proceed, until a more prosperous condition of the fund of the Church which is available for such purposes, and a livelier interest of the members in the publication, would warrant the necessary outlay.

In 1877, a memorial to the Assembly from the Presbyterian Historical Society of the United States of America, asking for books, documents, and other material which might illustrate Presbyterian history, and an application from the minister of another denomination for leave to consult the manuscript records of the Synod, revived the idea of their publication; and a Committee of the Assembly for Historical Purposes was appointed, with the present Clerk of the Synod and Clerk of the Assembly as Convener, and directed among other duties to inquire into the cost of putting the ancient minutes through the press and to take steps to raise funds for that object.

This Committee has now in part performed the task intrusted to it. Four of the seven manuscript volumes composing the records of the Synod are already transcribed, and the first of the printed volumes—

of which there are to be three—is here given to the public. In the execution of the work, Rev. John Elliott, a member of the Committee, has been responsible for procuring a fair copy of the minutes for the printers, and for making from the copy a first correction of the proofs. A second and a third reading and comparison of the sheets with the original records has been made by Rev. John H. Orr, D.D., Clerk of the Assembly and of the General Synod in whose custody the minutes now are. By these repeated revisions the accuracy of the work is sufficiently guaranteed. Various circumstances have retarded the issue of the present volume, but it is expected nothing will occur to delay the publication of its successors.

These minutes, as stated in the original prospectus sent out by the Committee, constitute the only official record of the proceedings of the Synod for the long period of one hundred and thirty years; and it is believed their perusal will prove interesting to the commuuity at large as well as to persons of historical and antiquarian tastes. They set forth the views of the Synod upon many public questions, disclose their correspondence with successive governments and statesmen, and show what efforts Presbyterians made in those days to promote education in Ireland and extend their principles both at home and in the then American Colonies. To all who would search into the origin and history of the congregations of the Irish Presbyterian Church, or would understand the religious state of that communion in the eighteenth century, and the manners of the period, they will prove specially valuable. References continually occur in them to customs which have passed away, to congregational changes and settlements and important debates respecting doctrine which in no slight degree helped to mould the social and spiritual life of the Province; and the names of ministers and ruling elders of the Synod may be traced at the present time in very many of the best known families in the North of Ireland.

The volumes are issued so as to be uniform with the Minutes of the General Assembly; but the ancient spellings and contractions have been retained. To the last volume will be attached a few notes which may serve to elucidate portions of the minutes to the present generation, and a suitable index.

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[MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF ULSTER.]

A Synod at Antrim, Septem^r 30th, 1691.

Sederunt (after pray^r^) Mrs Alex^r^ Hutcheson, Hugh Wilson, Michael Bruce, John Hutcheson, Tho: Maxwell, Alex^r^ Gordon, John Gawdie from Down Prēbry; Mrs Patrick Adair, Tho: Hall, Anthony Keñedy, Robert Cuñingham, John Frieland, James Scott, Mathew Haltridg, Joshua Fisher, Will: Adair, David Airth, Francis Iredell, Fulk White, Geo: Lang, John Malcome, Alex^r^ M^c^Crackan, Jo: Wilson, Tho: Futt, Rob: Henry, from the Prēbry of Antrim; Mrs Neil Gray, Robt Campbell, Andrew Ferguson, from Laggan; Mr Peter Orr, from Rout; Mrs Jo^n^ Abernethy, Tho: Keñedy, Jo: M^c^Kenzie, fm̄ Tyrone. Ruling Elders present from Portaferry, John Reid; fm̄ Down, James M^c^Naight; fm̄ Killinshy, Willm Stuart; fm̄ Knock, John Barskimine; fm̄ Antrim, John Blaine; fm̄ TemplePatrick, Will: Martin; fm̄ Upper Killead, Will: Dunlop; from Ahoghle, Adam Strahorne; fm̄ Glenavy, James Aughterson; fm̄ DunaGor, James Blair; Braid, James Brown; Carmony, David Ferguson; Lower Killead, John Hunter; Lisburn, Edward Adamson; Bellyclare, Tho: Carson; Carrikfergus, Robert O Murray; Drumall, Jo: Shaw; Monymore, Hugh Rainey; Clogh, John Roger; BellyClug, Hugh Stuart; BellyEaston, David Reid.

Sess. 1^a^. Min^rs^. Rul. Elders.

Mr Tho: Hall, late Mod^r^, preacht on Song 8, 12. Mr John Abernethy is chosen Mod^r^, and Mr Robt Henry is continu'd Clerk. Absent, Mr Henry Livingston, James Bruce, excus'd, being in Dublin; Jo: Haltridg, excus'd; Rob: Craghead, Jo: Rowat, excus'd; Will: Ligton, James Alexand^r^, Adam White, Will: Crooks, Tho: Boyd, excus'd; Jo: Wilson, Rob: Hamilton, excus'd.

Absents.

Appears from Bangor, Alex^r^ Hamilton and Andrew Clark, by allowance of the Meeting of Downe supplicating y^t^, whereas their late Min^r^ Mr Archbald Hamilton, liv'd only six years in Wigton, where he was till the persecution forc'd him over to Bangor, among whom he labour'd for Eighteen years to their great edification, and also that thō they dealt with the Synod of Galloway not to detain him there, yet they detain'd him, pretending an act of the Gen: Assembly to be ag^t^ it, whereupon they entreat the Synod to comissionate Mr Arch^d^ Hamilton of Ardmagh to correspond with the next Genl Assembly of Scotland, where he is to agent this affair, they, viz: of Bangor bearing his Expences, and in case Mr Hamilton's circumstances will not permit him to go, that it be recomēnded to the Meeting of Downe to endeavr to find out some other for the said purpose.

Bangor. Mr. Arch^d^ Hamilton.

The Synod grants the foresaid request *in terminis,* and seeing this occasion offers that likely Mr Hamilton may go to the next

General Assembly in Scotland, the Synod app^{ts} him to correspond in their name with the said Assembly, who is to receive a Comission and Instructions fm a Comittee appointed by the Synod to meet at Belfast with Mr Hamilton upon a particular account.

Taboyne.

Report is made by the Meeting of Tyrone that they advertis'd the people of Clogher, of Taboyne, seeking that Mr Neil Gray's relation to Clogher be loos'd, and he setled in Taboyne; whereupon appears fm Clogher James Keñedy, Wm Cairns, and Will: Ury, comissionate to supplicate this Synod for continuing Mr Gray's relation to them, giving reasons for the same, and particularly promising to secure for his yearly maintenance thirty pnds ℔ year. Appears also fm Taboyne Walter Paterson and James Marshall, allow'd by the meeting of Lagan, and comissionate by the said paroch. to supplicate the Synod for loosing Mr Gray's relation to Clogher (if there be any), and to appoint and fix him to be their setled min^{r} in Taboyne, giving in also reasons for the same. The Synod having seriously consider'd all papers on both sides, *hinc inde*, and having call'd on God for direction herein, doth judge that Mr Neil Gray be continu'd in Clogher, requiring that the s^{d} people give good security to the Meetings of Antrim and Tyrone for paying the s^{d} thirty pound at two terms of the year, comencing fm alsaints next, or when he comes, and then that they will advance the first half year in hand, together with a sufficient mansion house and farm lesse or more, as he pleases, as also plowing his land, and sowing it this year, and laiding of his Turf, with certification that if they of Clogher fail in making these things good, that then Mr Gray is to continue at Taboyne till the next Synod, we will then further consid^{r} this matter, and for their supply they are to repair to the Meeting of Lagan.

Clogher.

Mr Neil Gray.

Mahera, &c.

Appears from Maghara, Killkroñoghan, and several other places thereabout, Mathew Lernan, James Garran, Jo^{n} Vernar, and Daniel Henry, supplicating, that in considrāon of their desolate Condition as to the want of Gospel Ordinances, & that they can give sufficient security for Twenty-five pound ℔ year, being very hopeful it may grow to more after better planting, four of whom will give security to the Meeting of Tyrone for the same, they having already built a Meeting House, and they further promising here before the Synod to pay up to Mr Abernethy whatever any of the said people shall be found due to him, that the Synod w^{d} be pleas'd to advise and concur with 'em as to their being planted with a Min^{r}, and in the mean time to get some supplies till they be provided. The Synod considering this affair, and finding that Mr James Ramsay had formerly a Call fm a part of the same people, and had past all his Trials upon the matter till something fell in that hindered his settlem^{t}, and that the fores^{d} Comm^{-rs} do motion that the Synod may recomend the s^{d} Mr Ramsay for supplying them for some Sabbaths in order to a Call, with wch this Synod agreeth, appointing the Clerk to write to Mr Ramsay to the s^{d} effect, and, if the people of Mahara agree to call the s^{d} Mr Ramsay, that they, with the advice of Mr Robt. Hamilton and M^{r} McKenzie, do make applicāon to the Meeting of Antrim, who are to promote and carry on the s^{d} settlem^{t} as they shall see cause.

The Meeting of Tyrone signifying, concerning Mr Abernethy's

settlemt in Monymore, that it is not comfortable through the people of Mahrefelt not continuing as a fixt part of Monymore Congregation, but resolv'd if they of Mahrefelt be able, they will break off a settlement of their own, and it now appearing that promises were not perform'd to Mr Abernethy, and that people breaking off will make Monymore incapable of maintaining him, this Synod declares Mr Abernethy's relation to Monymore to be void. Monymore.

Appears from Derriloran, John Hog, seeking the continuance of their Minr McKenzie, notwithstanding they can't promise above fifteen pound ℔ year. The Synod considering hereof, and that Mr Abernethy's relation to Monymore is now loos'd, thought fitt to propose a conjunction or union 'twixt Monymore and Cookeston, and refers the ordering thereof to the meeting of Rout as they see fitt. Cookston. Mr McKenzie.

Appears fm̄ Colerain, by the advice of the Prēbry of Rout, Mr John Gault, James Oustean, Hugh Bankhead, & John Legat, Com̄rs fm̄ the said Congregation of Colerain, supplicating for Mr Abernethy's transportāon, or being setled in Colerain, and withall, being certify'd by the Prēbry of Rout, that a Call being giv'n from Colerain to Mr Jo: Wilson, of Drumbo, & a supplication to the Meeting of Rout for that end, Mr John Wilson did utterly refuse to be transported to Colerain, and gave his reasons agt the said Transportation, and that the Meeting of Rout hath wholly referr'd this affair to this Synod. The Synod finding Colerain to decline their prosecuting their Call to Mr Wilson, and that they now promise to secure to Mr Abernethy forty pnds ℔ year, together with a mansion house and fireing, do transport Mr Abernethy fm̄ Monymore to Colerain, & yt he goe thither and reside among 'em so soon as conveniently he can, and appoints Mr Peter Orr to signify to the people of Colerain that since at the last Synod they promist to give yearly fifty pnd to Mr Abernethy the Synod expects the performance thereof. Colerain. Mr Jon Abernethy.

Appears fm̄ Tanoch-Neeve, Captn Gawin Hamilton, Mr Robert Ross, Robert Kyle, John Hamilton, &c., with advice of the Meeting of Down, supplicating for Mr Alexr Hutcheson, his being released from any charge the last Synod put upon him in Capel-street in Dublin, he not having any measure of health to perform the work of the ministry there, alledging that his settlement in Dublin was with this Proviso, thô not inserted in the minuts, and so that Mr Hutcheson may be allow'd to continue their fixt pastor in Tanoch-Neeve. Tanoch-Neeve

The Synod thinks fitt to wave any determination herein till they see further how his health be recover'd.

Appears from Capelstreet, Mr Samll Martin, Com̄issionate to supplicate the Synod's continuing of Mr Alexr Hutcheson's relation to 'em, and that in the mean time, till his health be confirm'd, that the Congregation of Capelstreet be supply'd twice at least. Capelstreet in Dublin.

The Synod waves any determination as to Mr Hutcheson at present, only for supply, Mr Robert Henry to supply next after Mr James Bruce, for six Sabbaths, and im̄ediately after him that Mr Jo: Wilson supply them for six Sabbaths more, after which, if need be, the Meeting of Down is to supply them for six Sabbaths more; and whereas the said Mr Martin proposes as the desire of Capelstreet Congregāon,

Desires one to assist their minr and Mr Keys, both being valetudinary.

as also of Bullally Congregāon, signify'd by Mr William Keys and his Elders, that the Synod would send a qualify'd minister to be as an helper to both Congregāons in regard of the valetudinary condition of both the Min-rs of both Congregations, to whom, after hearing of him and satisfaction in him, they will allow to him a competent maintenance. The Synod considering this affair, and having none among 'emselves whom they can want, and think fitt for the purpose aforesaid, and considering that the relation of our worthy Brother, Mr Alexr Sinclar, to Waterford is now loos'd, and that we have relation to him as a Miñr of the Church of Ireland, we advise the Congregation of Capelstreet to invite him to come over to them from Bristoll, and that they do it with all possible diligence, and appoint Mr Patrick Adair to write to Mr Sinclar to the said effect.

Dunagor's Complaint.

Appears from Dunagor, with allowance of the Meeting of Antrim, Will: Shaw, Esqr., & several other Genlmen of Dunagor, complaining that whereas Patrick Allen and James Smith, members of Dunagor parish, upon their supplication to the Meeting of Antrim for liberty to joyn with BellyEaston on accot of their great distance from Dunagor meeting house, and nearness to BellyEaston, that the said Meeting of Antrim did declare they wd connive thereat, they paying up all arrears due by them to Mr Iredell, alleging this sentence pass'd without fair warning giv'n to the Gentmen and Session there. The Synod considering this affair thinks fitt to appoint the Meeting of Antrim to resume the considerāon hereof, and upon hearing of both parties, fairly warn'd, to make a final determination therein.

Newry. Mr Georg Lang.

Appears from Newry, William Stuart, fm the meeting of Tyrone, Comissionate to supplicate this Synod that their formr minister, Mr George Lang, may be requir'd to return to Newry agt May next, they promising to pay him yearly twenty-three pounds sterling, comencing from alsaints next, with a mansion house & farm, as also to get a meeting house ready, and when they are better planted, they are confident his maintenance will grow. The Synod, considering this, and resenting the litle maintenance propos'd, yet leave it to the Meeting of Antrim, when they see these things secur'd, to allow and require Mr Lang to return to Newry at farthest agt May next, and in the mean time to give them some visits.

Donoghmore supplicate that Mr Keñedy return to 'em.

Appears from Donohmore, with allowance of the Meeting of Tyrone, William Swan and David Mitchell, Comissionate to supplicate this Synod that they may require their minister, Mr Thomas Keñedy, to his charge there, they promising him ninteen pound yearly for his maintenance, and this year to plow and sow Ten accres of land, if he will come over by May next, and they not having above a tenth part of the land there as yet planted, they are very hopeful, in a short time after his coming thither, their land may be planted, and so his yearly maintenance may be much encreas'd, they also promising five pound toward a help for building to him a dwelling house. The Synod, considering this proposal, have appointed the Meeting of Antrim, together with the Meeting of Tyrone, to enquire into that affair, and to do as they find clearness upon the people's application to 'em, and that Mr Thomas Keñedy do come over upon a letter from the said Meetings.

Appears from Glendermot, William Nevin, with the allowance of the Meeting of Lagan, Comissionated to supplicate this Synod for advice, whether or no they shall further depend upon Mr James Gordon, he being so valetudinary that he can travel none either by sea or land. The Synod finding also by the Meeting of Lagan that they had several times written to Mr Gordon to return, but without success, the Synod appoints a letter to be written to him, to be sign'd by Modr and Clerk, to return by May next, or to dimitt, if his valetudinariness obstruct it not, that the said parish may have accesse to be planted by another, which is done. Glendermont.

Appears from Kinaird, Timothy Grier, Comissioned to seek supply of preaching sometimes till they be in a capacity to offer a competent maintenance to a Miñr of their own. The Synod, considering this, agree that they be sometimes supply'd, and yt each supplyer be allow'd ten shill: a Sabbath. The Synod appoints them accordingly, Mr John McKenzie to supply them the second Sabbath of October, Mr Airth the second Sabbath of Nōbr, Mr John Malcom the second Sabbath of Decemr, and Mr M'Cracken on the second Sabbath of January, and then to repair to the Meeting of Antrim. Kinaird.

Appears from Ardmagh, William Tate, Comissioned to seek supply of preaching sometime, till they be in a condition to call home their minister again, they promising to gratify such suppliers. The Synod agrees to supply them, and particularly by Mr McKenry the third Sabbath of October, Mr Airth the third Sabbath of Nōbr, Mr Malcom the third Sabbath of Decemr, and Mr McCracken the third Sabbath of Jañry. Ardmagh.

The necessitous condition of Mrs Gilchrist appearing, the Synod appoints for her relief half a crown fm each Miñr of the several Prēbries, to be sent to Mr Fisher so soon as possible. Mrs Gilchrist.

Reported by Mr Orr, that the letters appointed by last Synod to be sent to Mr Landess were sent to Mr Tho: Keñedy, who receiv'd and deliver'd them accordingly. The Synod now taking into consideration that several of our Brn. are yet in Scotld, and diverse of them continue there, notwithstanding they have been written for to return, the Synod doth resent these Brethren's delay, where way is made for their subsistence here, contrary to their express obligation to their respective charges, and to the Church of Ireland, and if these Brethren do further delay their present return, the Synod intends to use all means that may be effectual to bring them to a sense of their duty, and so appoints each Prēbry to signify this to their respective Brethren as they are concern'd, and to make report to the Ensuing Synods as there is cause. Write for the Brn in Scotland to return hither to their charge.

In reference to the case of Mr David Houston, it is reported by the Meeting of Antrim, that no information agt him came to them by any hand, and particularly none by Mr Hugh Wilson, as was appointed if he found any in Scotland, whereupon they proceeded no further against him. The Synod now resuming the consideraon thereof, do appoint a declaration to be drawn up by Mr Peter Orr, and sent to Mr Patrick Adair and Mr Hugh Wilson, to be by them revis'd and alter'd as they see cause; the said declaration is to contain his irregular and Mr David Houston continues in his irregular and imoral practice. A declaration to be drawn & publisht.

imoral practices whereupon he was formerly depos'd, notwithstanding he continues in the same course; it is therefore judg'd that fm henceforth he is to be lookt upon as none of our Comunion, and it is expected and requir'd that none of our people do joyn wth him in Gospel Ordinances, otherwise they will be lookt upon as scandalous, a Copy whereof is to be sent to the other Meetings, to be read in the several Congregāons, as the Meetings shall think fitt.

BellyClug.

Appears from BellyClug, with allowance of the Meeting of Tyrone, Robert Speir, to supplicate that the Synod would continue Mr Robert Hamilton with them, notwithstanding that they cannot allow him above Twenty pound. The Synod referrs this to the determination of the Prēbry of Tyrone and the Meeting of Antrim.

None enter into the min^try w^thout Laureation.

The Synod agrees and concludes that none enter into the ministry without Laureation.

The Synod annexes the parishes of Lurgan and Moyrah to the Prēbry of Antrim.

The Meeting of Down is proceeding to supply Samuel Young as they undertook.

Mr Arch^d. Hamilton wrot about Mr John Wilson to Scotland, according to appointm^t.

Mr Hugh Wilson continue with this Church.

The Synod, taking the case of Mr Hugh Wilson into consideration, do judge that he is under noe such obligation to the Prēsbry of Wigton and Stranrawer as may necessitate his removeall fm this Church and Kingdom, and that he continue with us as formerly, which is to be signify'd by the Prēbry of Down in our name to all concern'd.

Mr Ligat.

The Prēbry of Down have observ'd the last Synod's appointm^t concerning Mr Ligat.

The Meeting of Antrim observ'd the last Synod's appointm^t about Lurgan and Mr Kirkpatrick.

The Fast appointed by the last Synod was observ'd.

The Meeting of Rout reports that Mr Archbald Ross is to enter upon Trials in order to Ordination, and Mr John Tom as a Probationer, and Antrim Meeting reports of Mr Samuel Ferguson as a Probationer.

A letter was presented from the Prēbry of Irwin, with reasons for Mr John Wilson's transportation to the Largs, but the parties concern'd not being here present, the Synod can do nothing in it.

The next Synod is to be at Antrim, the first Tuesday of Aprile next. This Synod concluded with pray^r.

ROB: HENRY, Clk of the Synod.

A Synod at Antrim, Aprile 6th, 1692.

Sess. 1^a. Antrim. Ministers.

Sederunt (after sermon and calling upon God by Mr John Abernethy, Mod^r), Masters Patrick Adair, Anthony Kennedy, Robert

Cunningham, John Frieland, John Campbell, Joshua Fisher, John Haltridg, Mathew Haltridg, William Adair, Thomas Futt, John Malcom, James Scot, Fulk Whyte, John Wilson, Alexand^{r} McCracken, David Airth, George Lang, Robert Henry, Francis Iredell. Absent—Mr Thomas Hall, excus'd.

From the Meeting of Downe, Mrs Alex^{r} Hutcheson, Will: Legat, Thomas Maxwel, John Hutcheson, James Bruce. Absent—Mr Henry Livingston, John Gawdie, Archbald Hamilton, excus'd, as also John Mairs who is sent to Dublin. Downe.

From the Meeting of Rout, Mr Adam Whyte, Tho: Boyd, Peter Orr. Absent—Will Crooks. Rout.

From the Meeting of Lagan, Mr Andrew Ferguson. Absent—Robert Craghead, Robert Campbell, James Alexander, Jo^{n} Rowat, William Liston; Neil Gray, who is excus'd. Lagan.

From Tyrone, Mr John McKenry. Absent—Robert Hamilton, excus'd. Tyrone.

Ruling Elders—Henry Chads, from Belfast; TemplePatrick, John Stirling; Broadisland, John McCullogh, Willm Johnston; Willm Dunlop, Upper Killade; Adam Strean, Ahoghle; John Caldwell, Carncastle; John Swan, Under Killade; Edwd McComphy, Lisburn; David Craig, Bellyclare; Marmaduke Jameson, Braid; John Wallace, Dunnagor; John McMaster, Antrim; Will: Monnell, Dunean, George Brown, Drumall; John Toulan, Carrickfergus; James Wilson, IslemaGie; Tho: McCully, BellyEaston; M^{r} Jo: Mitchell, Glenarm, Rout; John Lessly, Colerain; Hugh Stuart, BellyClug. Ruling Elders.

Mr Hugh Wilson Correspondent from the Presbytry of Stranrawer. Mr Alex^{r} Hutcheson is chosen Moderator, and Rob. Henry continues Clerk.

Sess. 2^{a}.

The Clerk is appointed to write to the Moderator of the Meeting of Lagan, signifying the Synod's resentment of the frequent absence of some Brethren there.

Mr Archbald Hamilton of Bangor, not being advis'd timeously, did not go to the last General Assembly in Scotland with reference to Bangor according to the last Synod's appointment. Bangor.

Appears from Clogher James Kennedy and Willm: Cairns, declaring their willingness and readiness to have secur'd what was requir'd of y^{m} by the last Synod in reference to Mr Gray's yearly maintenance in Clogher, and sent twice to Monymore for that end, and do now offer to secure the same, as the Synod shall require, entreating they may be no longer hindred of the enjoyment of Mr Gray as their Minister. Clogher & Taboyne.

Appears from Taboyne, John Bratton comissioned to supplicate for Mr Grays being continu'd there, especially considering his valetudinary condition disabling him to remove to Clogher, and therefore entreats his continuance in Taboyne till the next Synod. Mr Gray also writes to the Synod of his indisposition of body to attend this meeting, nor likely will be able to transport himself or family to Clogher for some considerable time, and withall intreats an absolute determination herein may be delay'd till the next Synod, at which time he resolves

to be present. The Meeting of Lagan have appointed also Mr Robert Campbell to signify they joyn in this desire of Mr Gray and the people of Taboyne.

This Synod having seriously consider'd this affair, in regard of Mr Grays indisposition of body and desire, think fitt to delay this whole affair as it stands till the next Synod, and withall, appoints the Meeting of Lagan to supply Clogher once in six weeks till the next Synod.

Maghera. The Clerk wrot according to appointment to Mr Ramsay about Maghera, who refus'd to come thither, whereupon that motion fell. Now appears from Mahera and other places adjacent, John Verner, John Grhame, Robt. Armstrong with others, Comissioned to supplicate this Synod to concur with their desire of calling one Mr John Thomb, recomended by the Prēsbry of Rout for their supply. The Synod considering hereupon, having recomended it to the said Mr Thomb to go over to Scotland for Lauriation, do further recomend it to the Meeting of Rout to manage this affair, and make report to the next Synod, and further recomends that Mr James Scot may exchange a Sabbath with Mr Thomb in order to the baptizing of some Children in Mahera.

Capelstreet. Mr Alexr Hutcheson having declar'd that he can't exercise his ministry in Capelstreet for want of health, the Synod now declares his relation to be loos'd from Capelstreet, as also that the said Congregāon of Capelstreet is free of any relation to Mr Will: Jacque, he having never been fixt there by any Presbytry.

Dunnagor. None appearing from Dunagor either before the Meeting of Antrim nor here, the Synod waves it, and renews the appointmt formerly laid on the Meeting of Antrim about it.

Newry. As to Newry, the Meeting of Antrim have ended that affair, and appointed Mr George Lang to repair thither with his family by May next.

Donnoghmore. None of that people making application to the Meeting of Antrim about this affair, the Synod waves any further consideration hereof at present till they move to the Meeting of Antrim.

Glendermot. As to this affair, the Moderator and Clerk wrot to Mr James Gordon, according to appointment, and the Synod refers this affair to Lagan Meeting.

Kinaird. Was supply'd according to appointment. The Synod leaves their further supply on the Meeting of Antrim, who seem engag'd somewhat toward their settlement.

Mrs Gilchrist. Mrs Gilchrist not being supply'd by several of the Brethren, the Synod recomends that such do it forthwith, and Mr Fisher to make report.

Charity. The necessitous Condition of Mr John McSwiney appearing, the Synod appoints him to receive a shilling from each Brother, and that Mr Fisher collect it.

Bellyclug. None appearing from thence to the Meeting of Antrim, nothing is done in it further than was at the last Synod.

The Meeting of Downe signify'd about Mr Hugh Wilson according

to appointment, but not finding how to get him detain'd, he is gone and settled in Scotland.

The Meeting of Down reports that Mr Will: Ambrose is licens'd by them, and that Mr James Herron is now upon his Trials.

The Meeting of Antrim, referring the consideration of the motion about transporting Mr Math: Haltridg from Ahoghle to Moyra to the Synod's determination at this time, and the Synod finding the people of Ahoghle not fully ready for their defence, recommends the determination hereof to the next Meeting of Antrim. Ahohle, Moyra, Mr Math: Haltridge.

Sederunt qui sup. Sess. 3a.

The Synod, considering that many of the Brethren belonging to this Countrey are now in Scotland, and that several of their parishes are able to maintain them, and desirous to have them, doth appoint that every meeting, respectively, do authoritatively call them to return to their respective Charges. The respective Meetings send for the Brethren in Scotland to return to their parish:

The case of Lurgan, in reference to their relation to Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick and his being call'd to return, being referr'd to this Synod by the Meeting of Antrim.

Appears from thence, Henry Duglas and George Straiton, Comission'd to supplicate for his return to them.

The Synod appoints the Meeting of Antrim forthwith authoritatively to write to Mr Kirkpatrick to return to his charge in Lurgan, and to send the people of Lurgan their answers to his reasons, in that letter of theirs to him, which letter is to be sent by an Express from Lurgan, which is to be writ by Mr John Malcom Lurgan.

The case of Bellymony, with reference to advice for a minister and supply, being referr'd to this Synod by the meeting of Antrim. Ballymony.

Appears from thence Comissionate, David Boyd and Robert Love, for the aforesaid purpose. As for advice about calling a Minister, the Synod refers them back again to their own Meeting for direction. For supply the Synod appoints Mr Andrew Ferguson on Sabbath next if he go not to Newtown. Kinaird to be supply'd by Mr David Airth on Sabbath come fortnight, Mr Mathew Haltridge on the third Sabbath of May, Mr James Scot on the second Sabbath of June, Mr Joshua Fisher on the last Sabbath of June. Supply to Kinaird.

The case of Mr Robert Henry's Transportation from Carrickfergus to Glenluce in Scotland, being referr'd to this Synod by the Meeting of Antrim. Carrickfergus. Glenluce.

Appears from Glenluce Comissionate, Sr Charles Hay, recomended in this affair by a letter from the Presbytry of Stranrawer, supplicating for the Transportation of Mr Robert Henry, and shewing Reasons for the same.

Appears from Carrickfergus Comissionate, John Brown, Will: Dawson, with others, supplicating for the continuance of Mr Robert Henry with them, with reasons for the same, and answers to the reasons of Glenluce, Mr Robert Henry.

He dos not go to Glenluce.

The Synod, after the serious consideration of the Reasons, *hinc inde*, and calling upon God for light and direction, have determin'd that he go not to Glenluce. But, at Sr Charles Hay, his desire, allows the Clerk to transmit Glenluce papers to them by Mr Hugh Wilson, reserving a double of them.

Carrickfergus.

The case of Mr Robert Henry's Transportation from Carrickfergus to the Congregation of Capelstreet in Dublin being referr'd to this Synod by the Meeting of Antrim.

Capelstreet.

Appears from Capelstreet Congregation in Dublin Comissionate, Mr Samuel Martin, Mr Thomas Bond, Mr Patrick Campbell, with a supplication and Call to Mr Robert Henry for his transportation thither, with reasons thereof, and promising Eighty pounds yearly maintenance, together with a convenient dwelling House.

Appears from Carrickfergus, John Brown, William Dawson, supplicating for the continuance of their pastor, Mr Robert Henry, with them, and reasons for it, and their answers to the reasons of Capelstreet Congregation. The Synod, after serious consideration of reasons, *hinc inde*, and after calling upon God for light and direction in the case, have determin'd that he be transported to Dublin, with this Proviso, that if Mr Henry have not his health in Dublin, and thereby disabled to exercise his ministry there, upon his complaint to the Meeting of Antrim of the said Grievance, or any other intolerable discouragment, he be forthwith reliev'd by the said Prēsbry; and further, the Synod appoints that the Meeting of Downe to supply Capelstreet the whole moneth of Aprile by Mr Jo^n^ Mairs, and then advises Mr Henry to repair thither.

Mr Henry transported to Capelstreet.

Address the Ld Lieu^t^: when he comes over.

It is appointed by the Synod that, upon the Lord Lieutenant's coming over to this Countrey, Mr Alex^r^ Hutcheson, with the supplyer of Capelstreet, do wait upon His Excellency with a congratulatory address, and appoints a Comittee to give them Instructions—vizt., Mr Patrick Adair, Mr Frieland, Mr Will: Adair, Mr Rob: Henry, Mr Alex^r^ Hutcheson, Mr Will: Legat, who are to meet at Belfast on the first Tuesday after there is notice of the Lord Lieutenant's coming over, and if he come not over before the first Tuesday of May, that then the Meeting of Antrim is to give him his Instructions.

Mr Archbald Hamilton on his necessitous circumstances, and by concurrence of Ardmagh, is loos'd from y^t^ Congregat:

Mr Archbald Hamilton, Minister at Ardmagh, supplicates this Synod that they would loose his relation to the Congregation of Ardmagh, on the account of his domestick affairs. Appears, Comissionate from Ardmagh, Mr George Maxwell, with others, supplicating that either their Minister, Mr Archbald Hamilton, may be appointed to return to 'em, or that they may be otherwise put in a condition for calling another. The Synod, in consideration of the circumstances of Mr Archbald Hamilton's affairs, and that the people of Ardmagh are willing to compassionate him in respect of his present necessities as aforesaid, doth declare him transportable from Ardmagh, but in the meantime appoints him to supply them as much as he can, and for further supplies refers them to the Meeting of Downe. The Synod particularly appoints Mr Arch^d^ Hamilton to supply them on the last Sabbath of Aprile and first Sabbath of May, and because Mr Robert

Cuñingham is to be in that Countrey in the moneth of May next, he is appointed to supply them the second and third Sabbath of May.

Derriloran—Appears from thence Comissionate, William Beaty, supplicating to have their Minister, Mr John McKenzie, continu'd with them, and shewing that they are able to give him fourteen pound in money, with a farm to the value of eight or nine pound, yearly maintenance. Derriloran.

Appears from Monymore, James Rea, with others, supplicating that Mr McKenzie may be settled among 'em, according to the appointment of the last Synod, and shewing that they are able to give him Twenty pound yearly maintenance, with the farm and dwelling house which was Mr John Abernethy's (which house they will repair), provided they shall have two parts of his labours. The Synod refers this whole affair to the Meeting of Rout, to be consider'd & decided, to which also they adjoyn Mr McKenzie till next Synod, and Mr Rob: Hamilton. Monymore.

Whereas, Mr William Keys, of Bullalley, in Dublin, has writ to this Synod (as he did to the last Synod) for some help to his Congregation, he growing very weak, to be granted in his life time, lest if he die, and the Congregation be unprovided, it may be wholly lost. The Synod, considering hereon, appoints Mr Alexr Hutcheson to write to Mr Keys that Mr Alexr Sinclar is thought fitt for that purpose, and if he and his session agree thereunto, that they signify the same to Mr Patrick Adair, who is thereupon to write to Mr Sinclar about the same. Mr Keys desires his Congregation in Bullalley may be provided for in his life time.

The necessitous and miserable condition of William Scot and John Whitehead, now in slavery with the Turks, are recomended for their relief to the Meeting of Antrim, and James Wyly, captive among the Turks, is recomended to Down Meeting for relief. Wm Scot, John Whythead, Ja: Wyly, slaves in Turky.

As to the annexation of Braid, Bellymanagh, Ahoghle, and Drumall, desir'd by the Meeting of Rout, referr'd by the Meeting of Antrim to this Synod,

This Synod referrs the consideration hereof to next Synod.

James Stuart, son to Hugh Stuart, in the parish of BellyClug, recomended by Mr Archd Hamilton and John Abernethy to be supply'd in order to the on carrying of his learning. The Synod refers the consideration of this till next Synod, and recomends to Tyrone Brethren to enquire further abt him.

Reported by the Meeting of Lagan, that Mr Wm Holmes is upon trials in order to Ordination.

The necessitous condition of Mrs Duglas is recomended for relief to the Meeting of Down, Lagan, and Rout.

The Synod renews the former appointment about Mr David Houston.

The time and place of next Synod is Antrim, on the first Tuesday of October.

Concluded with prayr.

ROBERT HENRY, Clk to ye Synod.

At a Synod in Antrim, June 5th, 1694.

Sess: 1a, post meridiem.

Sess. 1a.

Roll call'd after prayr.

From Down Presbytry, Mr Archbald Hamilton, Moderator in Mr Legat's absence, Alexandr Hutcheson, John Gawdy, John Hutcheson, Tho: Maxwell, John Mairs, John McBride, James Bruce, James Ramsay, Thomas Cobham, Henry Livingston, Alexr Gordon. Absent—Mr Geo: Lang, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr James Herron, Alexr Bruce, Wm Ambrose, Jo: Hamilton.

From Antrim Meeting (Mr Patrick Adair and Mr John Wilson being now dead), Mr Thomas Hall, Mr Robert Cuñingham, Anthony Keñedy, Robert Henry, David Cuningham, Will: Adair, Jo: Frieland, John Malcom, Math: Haltridg, Jo: Campbell, Fulk White, Alexr McCracken, Ja: Scot, Jo: Haltridg, Tho: Futt, Mr David Airth, remov'd to Scotland by order, John Lee, Samll Ferguson, Archd Ross, Franc: Iredell. Absent—Mr Alexr Sinclair of Bull-alley.

From Lagan Meeting, Mrs Robt Campbell, Andrew Ferguson. Absents—Mrs Robert Craghead, Neil Gray, Wm Liston, James Alexander, Sam: Hallyday, Will: Homes, Joshua Fisher, & dead, Mr Ruat.

From Rout Meeting, Mrs Peter Orr, Mr Wm Crooks. Absent—Mr Jo: Abernethy, Jon Thomb, Jo: McKenzie, Rob: Hamilton, Adam Whyte.

Ruling Eldrs. from Down—from Killinshy, Will: Howat; from Bellywalter, Ja: Dunlop; from DownPatrick, John Bell; from Drumca, John Clugston; from Clare Bridge, John Dicky; from Killileagh, Thomas Taylor; from Newry, John Paterson; from Drumbo, Ja: Spens; from Rathfryland, Andrew McBride; from Hillsburrough, Richard Beaty; from Maherawly, Patrick Vans; from Kirkdoñell, Rob: Hamilton.

Ruling Elders from Antrim Meeting—from Larne, Rob: Neilson; from Broadisland, Jo: Sloan; from TemplePatrick, John Stirling; from Connor, James Browne; from Antrim, Alexr Campbell; from Upper Killead, Tho: Beaty; from Lower Killead, John Swan; from Ahohle, John Foster; Carncastle, John Allen; Braid, John Reid; Lisburn, John Clark, Dunean James Rainey; IsleMagee, Will: Wilson; Bellyclare, James Hudson; Glenarm, Will: Mathy; Carrickfergus, Will: Bell; Dunagor, Malcom Craford.

Ruling Elders from Lagan Meeting—Willm. Selkirk.

Ruling Elders from Rout—from Colerain, Jo: Ligat; from Clogh, Neil Hamill; from Mahera, John McKee; Monymore, John McKee; Ahadowy, David Cargill.

Modr chosen.

Mr Robert Campbell is chosen Moderator, and Mr Francis Iredell continu'd Clerk of the Synod.

Mr Willm. Legat, last Moderator of the Synod, not being present, the Synod recomends it to Mr Will: Adair to preach to morrow.

For the future, this Synod appoints that when the Mod^{r} is to preach before the Synod following, that the Presbytry where the Synod sits, upon timeous advertisement from the Presbytry to which the said Moderator belongs, shall appoint one of their number to preach in his stead.

The Brethren following are appointed a Comittee for preparing Overtures for the Synod, vizt.:—Mrs Arch^{d} Hamilton, Alex^{r} Hutcheson, Tho: Keñedy, Tho: Hall, Rob: Campbell, Jo: Frieland, Rob: Cuñingham, Math: Haltridg, Jo: Abernethy, Peter Orr, Andrew Ferguson, Sam^{ll} Hallyday, Jo: Campbell, and the Clerk, who are to meet at 8 a clock to morrow morning. Comittee to prepare Overtures for the Synod.

Next sederunt of the Synod is to be after sermon to morrow.

Sess. 2^{a}. Die Mercury, post merid: Sess. 2.

After pray^{r}, Roll being called, *Sederunt qui Supra.*

Mr John Lee, because of the condition of his family, is allow'd to go home.

The Comittee sat according to appointment.

Concerning Mr John Hamilton of Comber, the Gen: Assembly of the Church of Scotland, their letter presented by Lieu^{t} Hall was read, wherein they desire that Mr John Hamilton may be loosed from Comber, and permitted to settle in the City of Edinburgh. Also the people of Comber, their supplication presented by Ja^{s} Murray and John Wallace was read, wherein they desire that the Synod may renew their positive orders to Mr John Hamilton to return to his charge. The Synod after long and serious debate came to this conclusion, by plurality of votes, that the said Mr John Hamilton be at the desire of the General Assembly loos'd from Comber and continu'd at Edinburgh. Mr Jo^{n} Hamilton loos'd from Comber.

After pray^{r}, *Sederunt qui Supra.* Sess. 3^{a}.

Concerning Mr Alexand^{r} Glass, the supplication of Dunmurry was read, presented by Thomas Mulligan, wherein they desire that either some effectual course may be taken to bring over Mr Alex^{r}. Glass to them, or that the relation 'twixt him and them may be loos'd, that so they may be provided otherwise. The Synod having consider'd, does approve the Overture of the Comittee, vizt.:—that such ministers who are now in Scotland, and have been appointed by the Synod to return to their charge, and who have a clear call and encouragment to return, the several Prēsbries are to write to these ministers to return, otherwise they are to declare to them that their so staying in Scotland is very offensive both to ministers and people, and if they do not return, they will be lookt upon as scandalous persons, and be dealt with as such, a letter to be writ to this effect. Mr Glass. Min^{trs} in Scotland to return to their charge.

Mr Thomas Keñedy being writ to by Mr John McBride in the Synod's name, is now in obedience thereto return'd to his Charge.

The Brethren of Down report that they have setled Mr Will: Ambrose in Kinaird. Ordain'd since last Synod.

Mrs Gilchrist—All the Meetings have observ'd the appointment

except Down, who are ordered to do it forthwith, Mr John Hutcheson to collect it.

The Prēbry of Down report that they have ordain'd M^r Ja: Herron on first day of November last in Maherawly.

The Meeting of Antrim report that they have ordain'd M^r Jo: Lee, Mr Sam: Ferguson, & Mr Arch^d Ross, the first in Glenarm, the second in Moyrah, and the third in Carrickfergus.

Bellymony.

Bellymony—Mr Will: Adair reports that he wrot to the Brethren of Rout, they report that they have written several times to Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick to come over but he is not yet come. Appears from thence Allen Dunlop with others, complaining that thô Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick was, by sentence of last Synod, transported to them, they have not yet enjoy'd any of his labours, he being still in Scotland, the Com̄^rs desir'd some supplies to be appointed to them by the Synod. Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, his letter to the Synod was read, wherein he desires the Synod to loose his relation from Bellmony. The people of Bellmony are appointed to have all ready for receiving Mr Kirkpatrick. This Synod appoints the Meeting of Rout, according to the former general act, to write to Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick.

Mr Kirkpatrick.

Derryloran Monymore.

For supply to that Congregation, the Meeting of Antrim is to take care of 'em.

John Whitehead and Charles Steward—The Brethren of Rout report that they have gathred and giv'n their Collections according to appointment, as also the Meeting of Antrim.

James Stuard, son to Hugh Steward.

The letters written, one to Mr John Wilson and another to the Presbytry of Irwin, according to appointment, the Brethren of the Meeting of Rout report that Mr John Wilson is not yet return'd.

Mr Wilson.

Lergs.

The Synod appoints the Meeting of Rout to write to Mr John Wilson according to the general order.

Ennisking—Mr Ross supply'd them. Lagan to supply.

Drumbo.

Annexation of Brethren as before. Mr Tho: Kennedy is to joyn with Rout.

Adjourn'd till 8 a clock to morrow morning.

Die jovis ante merid.

Sess. 3.

After pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui Supra.*

Ardmagh.

Ardmagh—The Brethren of Down report that the people of Ardmagh did prosecute their Call to M^r Jo: Hutcheson before them, and that they have determin'd his stay in DownPatrick. As for the business of Mr Arch^d Hamilton's Transportation from Killinshy to Ardmagh, comeing before this Synod by appeal from the sentence of the Meeting of Down.

Killinshy.

Appears from Ardmagh Commiss^rs Robert McConchy and James Reid, supplicating that their appeal may be discusst, and that Mr Archbald Hamilton may be transported to them from Killinshy.

Appears from Killinshy Comiss^rs Willm. Moorhead and John Stuart to defend their Right, and earnestly endeav^r Mr Hamilton's continuance with them. The Synod having heard the reasons and replys, and discourst with Mr Hamilton himself, have, after calling upon God for light, unanimously agreed to continue him in Killinshy. Mr Arch^d Hamilton, he is to continue in Killinshy.

Ahalow—Their motion being presented to this Synod by their Comm^rs, John Moor, with others, and the motion of Ahadoway, being presented by Com^r Blair for Mr Tho: Boyd's continuance with them, and that their minister be not oblig'd to divide his labours 'twixt them and Maccasquy, and a motion from Maccasquy, presented by James Smith, that either Mr Tho: Boyd may be injoyn'd still to take the pastoral care of them, or at least he may not be taken out of the Countrey, and the motion from presented by Daniel McKelly and Will: Hill, that they may be join'd under Mr Tho: Boyd's ministry at Ahadowy. The Synod having consider'd these motions, dos leave the determināon of them to the Meeting of Rout, to be held on second Tuesday of July, with two Correspondents and Elders from the Meeting of Antrim, and as many Ministers & Elders from Lagan, and Mr Tho: Keñedy, from Down, who is to bring an Elder with him. Ahadowy. Maccasquy. Mr Tho: Boyd.

All the Brethren are to bring their Charity for Mrs Dowglas, who have not paid.

Adjourn'd till 3 in the afternoon.

Die jovis post merid.

After pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Seder^t qui Supra.* Sess. 4.

Mr Joshua Fisher, setled. Mr Gawdy, setled. Comiss^rs from Belfast, William Craford, Soveraign; David Smith, Burgess; with others, by allowance of the Meeting of Antrim, preferr'd a petition to this Synod, wherein they desire that the Synod would countenance their Call for the transportation of Mr John McBride from Clare to them, and for that end appoint a Comittee with power to hear and determine a sentence definitive and conclusive. The Synod in complyance with their desire have referr'd the whole business to the Prēbry of Down, and empower'd 'em to determine it, and in case of appeal that the Moderator of the said Prēbry call a Synod *pro ne natâ* to meet at Antrim. Belfast Clare. M^r. McBride,

FRA. IREDELL, Cl. Synod.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 2^d, 1697.

Sessio prima Die Mercurii ante merid:

This day Mr Thomas Kenedy opened the Synod by Preaching, and

after Sermon having constituted it by Prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and ruleing Elders of the respective Presbytrys as Followeth, viz: of

DOWN PRESBY.

Mess[rs]	Elders.
Alex[r] Hutcheson	William Moorhead
Arch[d] Hamilton	M[r.] Dav[d:] Kennedy
Thomas Cobham	
Thomas Maxwel	James Clugston
James Bruce	Robert Moor
John Gaudy	James White
John Hutcheson	John Paterson
James Ramsey	John Jemison
Alex[r] Bruce	John Smart
Thomas Orr	John Griffith
William Read	W[m] Livingston
Char: Walace	

ANTRIM PRES[BY:]

Anthony Kenedy	
W[m] Adair	Robert Neilson
Mathew Haltridge	Arc[d] Gray
Fulk White	John Logan
James Scott	James Rainey
Robert Henry	
John M'Bride	W[m] Rainey
John Campbell	John Campbel
Tho[s] Futt	Andrew Niven
Francis Iredell	
Alex[r] M'Craken	Mathew Rossbothom
John Malcome	John Mercer
Archibald Ross	David Hud
Andrew Crawford	Robert Barnet
Samuel Ferguson	Michael Thomson
John Lee	William Haliday
William Taylor	James Allen

ROOT PRESBYTRY.

Robert Sterling	Matt: Campbell
John Abernethy	John Thompson
Thomas Boyd	James Empill
Hugh Kilpatrick	Gib: M'Frudin
Peter Orr	W[m] Huston
John Thomb	John Vernor
David Wilson	John Lennan

TYRONE PRESBY.

Thomas Kennedy	W[m] Watson

Messrs	Elders.
Alexr Gordon	John Johnston
George Lang	
Wm Ambrose	James Carr
Wm Cornwall	John Burnside
John M'Kenry	David Chalmers
Henry Crooks	Wm M'Elwayan
John Mairs	

LAGAN PRESBY.

Robert Campbel	
Samuell Haliday	Robert Patrick
Joshua Fisher	
Andrew Ferguson	Wm Bralton
John Harvy	Wm Kniven
Wm Holmes, Senr	Robert Carson
Sam Henry	
John M'Gauchy	Thomas Mercer
James Pringle	Wm Caldwell
William Holmes, Junr	
Seth Drumond	Wm Dumbar

The Synod being constitute, Mr Thomas Kennedy, Moderator to the former Synod, moved that a new Moderator might be chosen, & in order thereto propos'd a Leet of six Brethren, out of which Mr John McBride was chosen by plurality of Votes, and thereafter John Mairs was chosen Clerk. Moderator & Clerk chosen.

Of the absents from last Synod, Messrs Thomas Hall and David Cunningham are dead; Robert Cunningham, John Frieland, John Haltridge & Alexr Sinclare are absent from this Synod at this time also, as also from this Synod, Robert Craighead, Neil Gray, James Alexander & William Crooks: the rest which were absent & now present gave relevant Reasons for their Absence, & were excus'd. Absents, formerly & now.

For expeding & regulating Such Matters as shall come before this Synod, it is unanimously agreed & determin'd that all the Ministers of this Synod Shall resolve into three Committees, whereof one for Overtures, another for Bills, & a Third for revising the Presbytry Books, and each of these Committees to sit apart one hour before the Synod sit down in the Morning, & another hour immediatly after they rise in the Evening, the Members of which Committees, together with the time of sitting of the Synod, shall be nominated & appointed at the Next Session of this Synod, which is to be at 4 a clock in the afternoon. Committees.

Sessio 2da hora 4ta pomeridiano.

Sederunt qui supra.

For the Time of Sitting this Synod appoints all its Members to sit punctually at 8 a clock in the forenoon, & sit till 12; & in the afternoon at 2, & sit till 6, and so to continue daily till the Synod end.

The Members of the 3 Committees appointed to consider & dispatch such Affairs as may orderly come before this Synod, are as followeth, viz. :—I. Overtures, Messrs Alex^{r} Hutcheson, Thomas Cobham, James Bruce, John Gaudy, William Adair, John Campbell, Matthew Haltridge, John McBride, Thomas Futt, John Abernethy, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Joshua Fisher, Robert Campbell, Samuel Haliday, John Harvy, Thomas Kennedy and Alexander Gordon; these to sitt at the little House. II^{ly}., Bills, Messrs Archibald Hamilton, Thos Maxwell, Thomas Boyd, Robert Sterling, Charles Walace, Ja^{s} Ramsey, John Malcom, Archibald Ross, Fulk White, John Lee, Ja^{s} Scott, Seth Drummond, Wm Homes, Junr, John McGauchy, Jās. Pringle, George Lang, Wm Ambrose, & Wm Cornwall, these to sitt in one end of the meetinghouse. III^{ly}., for Presbytry Books, Messrs John Hutcheson, Alex^{r} Bruce, Thos Orr, Wm Read, Fran: Iredell, And: Crawford, Wm Taylor, Alex^{r} McCraken, Sam: Ferguson, Peter Orr, John Thomb, David Wilson, William Holmes, Senior, And: Ferguson, Sam: Henry, John McKenriee, Henry Crooks, & John Mairs, these to sitt in another end of the meetinghouse.

Committee for Bills.

Committee for Presb: Books.

This Synod enacts that no Member depart this Synod without special leave granted, till it dissolve, otherways to supply as the former Synod hath appointed.

Ministers ordain'd & settl'd since last Synod as followeth, viz.:—in Down Presbytry, Messrs Wm Reid at Bellynahinch, 14th of July last, & Charles Walace at Morn, the 21st of said July. Antrim—Mr William Taylor at Drumaul, May 26, '97. Root—Mr David Wilson at Drumacose, Agust ye 18th, 1696. Lagan—Mr Seth Drummond at Rammelston, December 16th, '96, & Mr William Holmes, Junr, at Ornay, six Days thereafter.

Ministers ordain'd since last Synod.

Probationers licenc'd since last Synod in Antrim Presbytry, viz.:—Mrs Staford Pettecrew, William Leech, & Moses Cherrey; in Rout, Mr Mathew Clerk; in Tyrone, Mr Robert Darrach.

Probationers licens'd.

Expectants upon Tryal in order to Ordination in Antrim Presbytry: Mr Samuel Shennan & Mr Stafford Pettegrew. In Tyrone, Messrs Baptist Boyd and Moses Cherry; in order to be licens'd to preach, Mr William Houston, in Rout Presbytry.

Expectants on Tryall

The Presbytry of Down used their best Endavours to bring Mr Henry Hamilton to Donnadie, but to none Effect, their Diligence approven, & the Business quit as unfeasable.

Antrim Presbytry report that they Supply'd Killrea, as appointed. Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, as appointed, signified to the Synod of Glasgow that Mr John Wilson's Pastoral Relation is loosed from this Church.

Messrs John Hutcheson and Samuel Ferguson, with each an Elder, perambulated the Bounds betwixt these two Congregations as apppointed, and report that they determin'd that the Towns of Dunneach & Lifno shall Join with Hilsborough, & from the River of Kilwarline, the Border shall run between Kerran-Boun & Magregerry (Kerran-Bound being in Hilsburrough Conggregation), & from thence by Mr Redman's House, straight to the Course, upon the South Side of John Cherry's House. This Synod having considered their report & the whole Affair,

all Parties concern'd in it being Heard, do unanimously approve ye Diligence & Determination of the said Perambulators, requiring & appointing all Parties concern'd to stand to the same.

Sessio 3tia hora 8va ante meridiem.

Sederunt qui Supra.

All the Presbytrys being enquired what Diligence is used by them in collecting money for pious uses, answered they are doing what they can about it, & applying to the ends for which it is appointed, with which answere this Synod is satisfied. Money for Pious Uses.

Mr Thos Boyd is settled at Achadowy, as Mr David Wilson, Clerk to the Presbytry of Rout, reports. Achadowy.

Presbytry Books are all now present, & recommened to ye Committee for Books to be revis'd by them, except the Book of Antrim Presbytry, which is not brought.

The Several Letters were written & sent as the last Synod appointed concerning Mr William Forsayth, who thereupon desisted some time from preaching, but is now again fallen to it in his disorderly way, notwithstanding the Synod's dischargeing him so to do, as the Presbytry of Tyrone testify. Mr Will: Forsayth.

The Said Presbytry cited him Publickly from the Pulpit of Monagghan, by Mr Ambrose, to appear at this Synod to answere for his disorderly Cairaige, and likewise sent a written Citation to him to the same Effect, and besides read publickly an exact Coppy of the Synod of Glasgow's Sentence against him, & his Declaration before said Synod, which were sent to Mr Thos Kennedy, in answere to his letter to Glasgow, which Declaration and Sentence were now also read before this Synod, who thereupon considering the affair approv'd the Diligence & Methods of the Presbytry of Tyrone, & the Bretheren who wrote said Letters, & appointed the Beadle to call Mr Forsayth 3 several times at the Door to appear before this Synod, but he appeared not; only sent a railing Letter to this Synod, which was read, & upon the whole judged it Safe to secure the Country from his wicked Way, or being any way infected by him; & to that End appoints Mr Thos Kennedy & Mr Wm Ambrose to draw up a Manifesto of his Practice, which is to be read & approven by the Synod, & being sign'd in their Name by the Moderator & Clerk, to be sent and read publickly in the several Congregations where he doth or shall resort, & the People requir'd not to own, entertain, or hear him, with this Certification, that they who do so shall be look'd upon & proceeded against as disorderly Persons; which Manifesto is to be sent & publish'd by the Presbytry of Tyrone, or other Presbytrys, if he shall come within their Bounds; and further, for restraining & reclaiming [n] Mr Forsayth from his pernicious Carriage, this Synod by plurality of Votes determine to proceed against him according to Rules of our Government in shuch a Case, & therefore the Clerk to write & send him a Citation to appear before Next Synod without further Delay, with this Certification that if he do not, the Next Synod shall proceed against him to the highest Censure, according to the nature of his Crimes.

Killishandra, Bellymascanlan, Longford, Donnochclony & Clare, were supply'd before the 4th of Agust last, by the respective Presbytrys, as appointed at the last Synod.

The Bretheren who left the last Synod without Liberty, supply'd not the Vacancies as appointed, except Mr John Hutcheson, who supply'd Ardmagh; therefore the appointment is renew'd double, viz: upon each of them two Sabbaths, and Mr Wm Crooks, who was not appointed to supply by the last Synod as he should have been, is appointed to supply Dartry a Sabath.

Mr Robert Craighead wrote to them as appointed, & the Presbytry of Rout are doing what they can to bring that People to be dutiful to their Minister.

Messrs Archibald Hamilton & John McBride wrote as appointed, the former to the Principal of the Colledge of Glasgow, the latter to the Professor of Divinity at Edinburgh.

Synod Book.

Messrs William Adair, John Frieland, & Francis Iredell have not yet written the Synod Book since ye year 1690 as appointed, therefore the Appointment is renew'd on them; and for Advice as to the Method, they are to have Recourse to the Committee for Overtures.

The Form of Questions, to be propos'd at Ordinations, were not brought by the respective Presbytrys to the Committee at Bellymenach in Agust last, therefore, the Synod devolves that work on Messrs Alexander Hutcheson, John Abernethy, Robert Campbell, Thos Kennedy, & John Campbell, each to bring their Draught to the Synod.

Donnoghclony was supply'd as appointed, only wanted 3 Sabbaths from Antrim, & one from Down Presbytry, & therefore these 2 Presbytrys are appointed to supply Donnochclony, as they have been defective to them.

Mr Robert Henry gave timous Warning of a publick Fast, which was kept & observed within the Several planted Congregations in the Bounds of this Synod.

Committee at Ballymena.

Comittee at Ballymenach was kept the 4th of Agust last as appointed, & their Minutes being read, bear, among other things, that they did nothing towards the Collection for the Captives among the Turks, finding no Clearness about it.

Likewise, the Minutes of said Committee bear, that they transported Mr Francis Iredell from Dunnagore to Ardmagh, appointing him to go thither with his Family against the first of November thereafter; only promising that if he find insupportable Grievances there, to concurr with him in applying to the Next Synod for Relief, the farther Cognizance of this Matter is delay'd till the Next Session of this Synod: & for having matters relating to this transportation, & another of the like Nature, in greater Readiness, allows the Committee for Bills to sitt at the litle House at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, & to continue either till they end their Business or be call'd in by the Synod.

Sessio 4ta hora 2da pomeridiana.

Sederunt qui Supra.

The Committee for Bills being now call'd in, were requir'd to give

their Sentiments concerning Mr Iredell's Transportation, but had no overtures to make, so this Synod took it under their own Consideration (& approving his transportation), call'd him in to give an Account Whether he obey'd the Appointment of the Committee or not, who answered he was 4 Sabbaths at Ardmagh, at 2 several Times, but bodily Infirmity & other Necessary Affairs, together with the Badness of the Weather, obstructed his being more frequently there, as design'd; which being under Consideration he was call'd in again, that he might have Occasion to offer what he had further to say, who thereupon asserted that tho' he had no Discouragement from the Presbytry of Tyrone, nor from ye People of the Congregation of Ardmagh, yet his Transportation thither was most Gravanimous and crushing to him, both in Body and Spirit, & would (if not prevented) render him unfit for Work there or any other new Place, that Congregation being very numerous & spacious; beside which, his going thither would much prejudise his Secular Affairs, & tend to break Dunnagore, & so pressingly intreated this Synod to consider his Case. This Synod, having weighed all these things, & invocated God for Direction, voted whether the Act of his Transportation to Ardmagh should be ratified or repeal'd, and it was carried by Plurality of Votes it should be repeal'd, & so this Synod determin'd that he should not be Minister of Ardmagh.

The Minutes of the Said Committee at Ballymenach also bear, that they had transported Mr John Mairs to Longford after the very same Manner they had Mr Iredell to Ardmagh, whereupon this Synod took this Affair under their Cognizance, and required Mr Mairs to give account if he had obey'd the Appointment of the Committee, who answered he had been eleven Sabbaths at Longford, at 2 several Times, & had catechis'd that Congregation once, but found himself exceedingly unfit & unable for the Work of it, being at least 10 Miles over, & the 2 Places for preaching each other Sabbath 5 miles distant, and, besides, he affirm'd he could have no such access to be helpful to vacant Conggregations as where he now is, Killishandra, the nearest neighbouring Congregation, being 16 Miles from them, & also his going thither would render him uncapable to attend upon any Presbytry, deprive him of the society of Ministers, drive him from his very near Relations & all his intimate Acquaintances in the World, would scatter his Children, be disadvantageous to his outward affairs, some whereof in Scotland he has been forc'd to neglect by his going thither already, & knows not what Damage he may thereby sustain, & therefore earnestly supplicated this Synod to commiserate & relieve him, & permit him to live in the North of Ireland: Whereupon this Synod, having considered these things & the whole Affair complexly, after invocating God, came to a Vote, stating it in the same Terms as before in Mr Iredell's Case, it was determin'd by plurality of Votes that the Act of his Transportation from Loghbricklan to Longford should be ratified, & so this Synod appoints his going thither; after which, he being call'd in, and this Determination intimated to him, he (expressing himself unwilling to detain this Synod, or signify his Sentiments of that Determination at that time) desired Time to think upon & give his Thoughts of it at the next Session of this Synod, which was granted him.

Over: I

From the Committee of Overtures it is overtur'd—Ist. This Synod recommend to the respective Presbytrys, & the Presbytrys to the several Sessions within their Bounds, that they chuse an Elder in their respective Sessions to attend their Presbytrys when they sit, for 6 months together; & that this be put in Practice so far as can be reach'd, it being agreeable to the ancient Practise of the Church of Scotland, & tending much to aqaint Elders with our Discipline.

This Synod, having read & consider'd this Overture, approved it, & so recommended it to the respective Presbytrys as overtur'd.

Over: II.

That some particular Minister be appointed by this Synod to overlook the Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, & consider & draw out what may be applicable to us in this Church; the Synod, having read & perpended this Overture, approved it also, & in Pursuance of it appointed Mr Alexander Hutcheson, by Plurality of Votes, to undertake this Piece of Work, & have it ready so soon as he can, at the furthest against the next Synod.

Over: III.

That being there is a Philosophy School erected at Killeleagh, in the County of Down, & upon Tryall it is found that it flourisheth well during the Time of its Standing, that the Synod give what Encouragement they can for the promoting thereof.

Over: IV.

That some Effectual Course be taken that Ministers may attend the Synod & their respective Presbytrys, & that a suitable Censure be brought upon them for their Absence.

Over: V.

That at the Celebration of the Lord's Supper there be only 3 Ministers employ'd, with the Minister of the Place, & for avoiding great multituds that resort to Communions, that the neighbouring Ministers be not call'd at such Times, unless it be on Saturday or Munday.

These 3 last Overtures were read & refer'd to the Consideration of the Bretheren in their Interloquitur's.

Over: VI.

It is further Overtur'd by this Committee, that there be some alterations with respect to our Presbytrys & Synods, wch is to be given in at large, with Reasons for the Same; this being read, the Consideration of it was delay'd till another Session of this Synod.

The Presbytry of Down finding a new frame of Congregations in the Barrony of Lecale very necessary, & finding the effectuating of it beyond their reach, altho they have us'd their best Endavours to that effect, did therefore referre the Cognizance of that Affair to this Synod, who thereupon, after Serious Consideration, came to a Vote, & determin'd all (but one Elder) that the Congregations of Ballee, Down & Drumca be form'd into tow, & for making this practicable, do appoint Messrs Alex^{r} Hutcheson, Sam: Ferguson, Achb^{d} Hamilton, Thos Orr, with each an Elder, to perambulate the Bounds of the said 3 Congregations, & to form them into two, fixing & pointing out the Limits and Marches betwixt them, as also the most convenient Places for their Meeting houses, & report to the Presbytry of Down, at their next meeting, the 15th Ins^{t}, who are to put the same Perambulators' Determination in Execution.

Sessio 5ta ante meridiem, June 4th, '97.

Sederunt qui Supra.

Mr Francis Iredell's affair as to his obeying the Act of Transportation from Dunagore to Ardmagh, past in the last Committee in Ballymenagh, coming now under further Consideration, it was voted whether his Reasons for not obeying (mention'd in the former Session) were relevant or not, & the negative was carried by many Votes, which, being considered, the Synod voted whether he should be synodically reproven, or suspended a Time, & by plurality of Votes, the Synod agreed to rebuke him according to the Nature of his Crime, which was done *Coram* by the Moderator, to which he submitted.

Narrow Watter.

The Presbytry of Down desiring that the People within the Bounds of Narrow Watter be annexed to the Presbytry of Tyrone, & to that Effect propos'd their Desire to the Comittee for Bills, who, having considered all things relating to that matter, Overtur'd that Narrow Water be annex'd to Tyrone Presbytry, which Overture being weigh'd by the Synod, was unanimously approven, & for easing Tyrone Presbytry, now annex them to Newry Congregation, appointing that the Meeting house be remov'd nearer the Town, recommending the exeekution of it to the Presbytry of Tyrone.

Mr James Elder's Transportation.

Rout Presbytry, Supplicating the Synod's Concurrence for Mr James Elder's Transportation from Scotland to this Country, for obtaining whereof they applied to the Committee for Bills, who, having pondered the Desire, concur'd with them in it, & overtur'd that it should be granted, which Overture being consider'd, was approven, & allow'd to write to ye Church Judicatories in Scotland, for getting it cairied on.

Sessio 6ta post merid:

Sederunt qui Supra.

The Overture relating to an Alteration of our Presbytrys & Synods, made in the 4th Session, & delay'd to be cognosc'd upon afterward, coming now under Consideration, the following Overtures with Reasons at Large were read & considered:—

Over: I.

That the Number of Presbytrys within this Synod be augmented, each Presbytry consisting of an equal Number of Congregations, as near as may be, so that there be two Synods half yearly, each consisting of an equal half of the Presbytrys, & one general Synod of all once a year, & as Number of Ministers encreaseth, so Number of Presbytrys be augmented; this Overture voted & unanimously approven by this Synod, and for making this practicable it is further overtur'd—

Over: II.

That the Congregations of Ballywalter & Portaferry, Donadee, Bangor, Newtown, Cumber, Killinshie, Tannaghnive, Bellynahinch, Killileagh, Down, Drumca, Morn, & Drumore, to meet in one Presbytry, design'd Down Presbytry. 2dly. That Iselandmagee, Carrickfergus, Broadisland, Carmony, Templepatrick, the two Killeads, Glenavy, Mayro, Lisburn, Hillsborough, Drumbo, Hollywood, Dunmurry, Capel-Street in Dublin, & Bellfast, to meet in another Presbytry, to be

term'd the Presbytry of Belfast. 3dly. That the Congregations within the Bounds of the Presbytry of Tyrone (Lurgan being added), meet in another Presbytry. 4thly. That Bellyclare, Dunagore, Dunnean, Iron-Works, Ahoghle, Antrim, Connor, Ballymenagh, Lairn, Carncastle, Glenarm, Belly-Easton, & Braid, meet in another Presbytry, to be design'd the Presbytry of Connor. 5thly. That the Congregations within the Bounds of Rout Presbytry, meet in another. 6ly. That Ramelton, Ray, Latterkanny, Lifford, Donnoghedy, Glendermont, London-Derry, Taughboyn, Bart, Donnogh, & Attevil, by the Name of the lower Presbytry of Lagan in another. 7thly. That Slego & Moyn, Donnygall, Ballyshanny, Rapho, Donnoghmore, Orney, Strabane, Omagh, & Inniskillin, being the uper Presbytry of Lagan, meet in another Presbytry, each of these Presbytrys chusing & nominating the Times & Places of their Respective Meetings; this Dividend of Presbytrys voted and approven *nemine contradicente.*

Over: III. That the 3 Presbytrys of Down, Belfast, & Tyrone, meet in one Synod, to sit Synodically (for the first Time) at Drumore, the first Teusday of November next, in the Evening, Mr Alexr Hutcheson opening it by Preaching at 10 of the Clock in the forenoon, the next Day thereafter; their next time of sitting, the first Tuesday of May next, after the Manner aforesaid; the Time of their Synodical Meetings, from Time to Time, being fixt to the first Tuesdays of November & May, but for the Places of their Meeting, from Time to Time as they shall appoint.

Over: IV. That the Rest of the above mention'd Presbytrys meet in another Synod at Colerain, the first Tuesday of February next, in the Evening, Mr John Abernethy opening it by preaching at 10 of the Clock in the forenoon, on the Wedensday thereafter, for the first Synod, & for the nex Synodical Meeting they are to conveen after the same Manner, the first Teusday of Agust thereafter, & have Sermon on Wedensday, leaving it to them selves to nominate the Places of their Meetings from Synod to Synod, only keeping the time of February and Agust as now appointed.

Over: V. That the sitting Synod send Correspondents to the enseuing Synod; these two last Overtures considered, voted & approven *nemine contradicente.*

Prēsby: Books. The Comittee appointed for revising Presbytry Books report that the Presbytry of Antrim had no Book, wherefore the Synod appoints them to get it ready & bring it to the next general Synod, without fail. Down Book commenc'd in June, 1695, & ends in July, '96. Tyrone Book commenc'd at the same Time & ends October, '96, & both of them approven so far as written, & are appointed to write whats defective, and have them full against next Synod. Lagan's was not revis'd, wanting two years Minutes, therefore they are appointed to get it ready against the next Synod at Coleraine.

Rout begins in Aprile, '93, & ends in '97, but is not correct, & therefore has need to be transcribed, therefore this Synod refers it to the Synod of Coleraine, & in the mean Time requires to fill it up fairly & distinctly.

The Severall Committees met & sat as appointed from Time to Time. All the Ministers are to meet in an Interloquitor at 7 a clock.

Hora 7tima.—All the Ministers met in an Interloqtr:, In which it was recommended, first, that all Ministers be grave & decent in their apparrell, & that this be consider'd & enquir'd into by the respective Presbytrys. 2dly. That Young Men be not entred into the Ministry till they be of competent Age & Abilitys, according to the Act of the general Assembly. 3dly. That Ministers & Preachers use a sound Form of Words in Preaching, abstaining from all romantick Expressions & hard Words, which the vulgar do not understand, as also from all Sordid Words & Phrases. 4thly. That Ministers meet after Communions together, & conferr about the Doctrine & Cairraige of one another during that Work.

The Bretheren in this Interloquitr, considering the 3 Overtures in the 4th Session of this Synod refer'd to them, left the Cognizance of them to the 2 eseuing Synods.

The Papers vindicating the Principles & Practices of this Church from the Bishop of Derry his Aspersions, Mr Robert Craighead was appointed to draw up & send to be revis'd by the Committee of Bellymenagh, were neither sent thither, nor brought hither to this Synod, but the Presbytry of Lagan (now present) inform that they are ready: therefore this Synod appoints Messrs Alexander Hutcheson, William Adair, & Thos Kennedy, to revise them, after which being approven, the Bretheren of this Synod are to contribute to the printing of them. Mr Wm Adair has coppyed out his Father's Collections, containing a History of this Church from the Year 1621 to the Year 1670, his Care & Diligence approven & kindly taken, for defraying what expences he has been at to an amanuensis, allows him 40 Shillings out of the R:D:, & moreover appoints Messrs Archbd Hamilton & Alexr Hutcheson to revise the said Collections, & give their Judgement of them at the next Synod at Dromore. In answere to the B: of D: History.

Mr Robert Craighead has not carried on his Part of the History, therefore the appointment is renew'd on him.

June 5, '97. *Hora* 6ta, *Matutina.*

Overtur'd, that the Quarter of the R:D: in which a Minister dies, together with the Quarter thereafter, shall go to his Relict or Children, if he has left either; this Overture voted & approven *nemine contradicente.* Overture.

It is unanimously agreed & concluded that the Several Presbytrys shall give exact Lists of the Names of their Members, & time when they were ordain'd & when they died, that so Return may be made to the general receiver of R:D:, that Distribution may be duely made; & in Case any Presbytry mistake herein, the Damage of Said Mistake shall return on the Presbytry mistaking. The afforesaid Overture is to be understood as comprehending all Ministers who died within this Current Quarter wherein this Overture was confirm'd.

Lists of the present Presbytry's names, pursuant to the aforesaid

Lists.

determination, return'd to the Clerk of this Synod, viz.:—1. A List from Down Presbytry. 2d. A List from Lagan. 3. A List from Antrim. 4. A List from Rout. The List of Turone is in his Hand already.

Suplies for Loghbricklan.

Touching the 24 Supplies appointed for Loghbricklan, to be perform'd as followeth, viz.:—6 from the Presb: of Connor, 6 from Belfast, 6 from Down, 6 from Ardmagh; Connor the first 6, Down the next, Ardmagh the next, and Belfast ye last.

Touching the Rule for Supplies to Vacancies, Meeting of Down supplies Bellymascanlan; of Belfast, Donnochclony; of Connor, Ardmagh, each one a moneth, till the next general Synod.

Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Archibald Hamilton, Jno McBride, John Hutcheson, & all other Ministers who go to Belfast from this Synod, shall, upon Munday next, meet & revise Mr Thos Crawford's Papers relateing to the Distribution of the R:D:, the Clerk to be with them, & report to the next Synod, & draw an Address to the present Justices, & return Thanks to the old ones, for their Kindness.

Appointed, that if the Government appoint a Publick Fast before the first Wedensday of July, that it be kept; if not appointed by them, then all the Ministers within this Synod are to keep it on the first Weddensday of July next.

Concluded, that in Case a Bill from England be sent to this Kingdome in Favour of our Legal Liberty, that then Messrs Wm Adair & John McBride attend the Parliment of Dublin in case one sit, to [r] agent our Affairs there upon Mr Robert Henry's Advertisement: the Synod defraying their expences as formerly, & the Meetings of Down & Belfast Supplying Belfast, & the meetings of Connor & Rout Supplying Antrim Parish in their Absence.

The Interloquitur being near an End, the Roll was call'd, & none Had departed without Leave.

The Next General Synod is to sit at Antrim the first Wednesday of June, 1698, Preaching begining at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon, all Members meeting in the Town the night before.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 1st, 1698.

Sessio 1ma.

This Day Mr John McBride Preach'd on Acts 15, 23—26, & after Sermon, having constituted it by Prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and ruleing Elders of the respective Presbytrys as followeth, viz.:—

DOWN.

Messrs.	Elders.
Alexr Hutcheson	Jno Irwin
Arch: Hamilton	Jno Steuart

Messrs.	Elders.
Thos Maxwel	David Kennedy
Jas Bruce	Robert Moor
Jno Gaudy	Jno Hopes
Thos Orr	Mr Jno Griffith
Wm Reid	Jno Canny
Sam: Shennan	Mr George Ross
Char: Walace	

BELFAST.

Jno McBride	Mr Henry Chads
Jno Frieland	
Jno Malcome	Jno Robertson
Alexr McKrackan	Jno Clerk
Thos Cobham	James Russel
Jas Ramsay	Richd Betty
Sam: Ferguson	John Edgar
Archd Ross	David Hood
Andrew Crawford	James Weyly

ANTRIM.

Mathew Haltridge	Jno Bell
Wm Adair	Robert Neilson
Fulk Waite	Rodger Gordon [b]
Jas Scot	Wm Mundale
Francis Iredell	Malcome Crawford
John Campbell	Jno Caldwell
Thos Futt	Jno Freming
Jno Lee	Wm Haliday
Wm Taylor	James Glasgow
Stafford Pettegrew	Robert King
Wm Leeck	Wm Adair

ROUT PRESBYTRY.

Robert Sterling	Mr Arch Boyd
Jno Abernethy	Hugh Bankhead
Jno Tomb	Mr Hugh Rainey
David Wilson	Jno Walker
Mathew Clerk	Robert Smith

STRABANE PRESB:

Wm Holmes, Senr	
Sam: Haliday	Jno Wilson
Joshua Fisher	Jas Morson
James Pringle	Jno Dinniston
Sam: Henry	Wm Finly
Jno. M'Gauchy	
Wm Holmes, Junr	Rob: Riddel

DERRY PRESBYTRY.

Messrs.	Elders.
Andrew Ferguson	Francis Boy
Jno Harvey	Robert Nutt
Seth Drummond	Tho: Best

TYRONE PRESB:

Thos Kennedy	Jno Stewart
Alex^{r} Gordon	Rob: Wilson
George Lang	George Letster
Gideon Jackque	James Shennan
Jno Hutcheson	Jno Fisher
Wm Cornwall	
Henry Crooks	David Thomson
Alex^{r} Bruce	
Moses Cherry	Jno Dicky
Robert Darragh	Rich: Graham
Baptist Boyd	
John Mairs	Ensg^{n} Allex^{r} Greddin

James Herron, came on ye 2^{d} Day of this Synod.

The Synod being constitute, M^{r} Jno McBride propos'd a Leet of seven Brethren, viz.:—Messrs Ja^{s} Bruce, John Frieland, Wm Adair, Rob: Sterling, Joshua Fisher, Alex^{r} Gordon, & And^{w} Ferguson, that one of them be chosen Moderator at this Synod, of whom Mr Wm Adair was chosen, *nemine contradicente.*

Absentes.

Absents from this Synod, viz.:—Messrs Robert Henry, Alex^{r} Sinclare, Wm Squire, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Peter Orr, Wm Crooks, Adam Whyte, Rob: Craighead, Rob: Campbell, Neil Gray, James Alex^{r}, & Wm Ambrose—some whereof sent Letters of Excuse, which This Synod leaves to the Cognizance of the Committee, which is to be forthwith appointed.

For regulating & expeding shuch Matters as shall come before this Synod, it is unanimously agreed & appointed that the following Brethren, viz.:—Messrs Alexan^{d}: Hutcheson, Archb^{d} Hamilton, Jno McBride, Jno Frieland, Thos Kennedy, Gideon Jacque, Fulk White, Fran^{s} Iredell, Jno Abernethy, Robert Sterling, And: Ferguson, Jno Harvey, Wm Holmes, Senr, & Joshua Fisher, together with the Moderator & Clerk, sit in a Committee in the little House from 3 to 4 a Clock in this Afternoon, & at any time afterwards, as they shall be appointed during this Synod, which is again to sit in the Meeting House at

Sessi: 2da, 4 of the Clock this afternoon.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

The above Committee sat as appointed, and report that they, having considered the Letters & excuse given by some of the Absents from

this Synod, Judged the Reasons by Messrs Peter Orr, Rob: Henry, Alex^{r} Sinclare, & Ja^{s} Herron for their Absence as Relevant; but looked not upon Mr Rob: Craighead's & Mr Wm Crook's as such, especially considering that they came no Part of the Way toward this Synod, & so took no Essay of their Ability to travell, which being read, the Consideration hereof was delay'd till afterwards.

By the Commissioners, Thos Teat & Wm Carlile, Petitioning to be rejoyn'd to Lisburn, finding by Experience the annexation to Hillsborrow exceeding inconvenient & gravanimous, which this Synod Further considering, referr & leaves the final Determination to the Presbytry of Belfast, the Congregation of Blairis & Hillsburrow being both within their Bounds: appointing the Presbytrys of Down & Antrim to send each a Correspondent to the Presbytry of Belfast the second Wedensday of July next, to assist & Judge in the Decision & Determination of this this Matter. Blarise.

Mr Thomas Kennedy & Mr Wm Ambrose wrote not a Manifesto of Mr Forsayth's Practice as appointed, judgeing the equivalent was done, in Regard Mr Kennedy gave *viva Voce* a full accompt of his wicked Courses before his own face in a full Congregation at Monaghan, ye 15th of March last, & warn'd the People to beware of him; withall Citing him *Coram* to appear before ye Presbytry, which was to sit there that Afternoon, and likewise before this Synod, intimating the Time of it, to answere such Things as should be laid to his Charge, but he deny'd & declin'd the Authority of both our Presbytrys & Synods, & so neither appear'd before that Presbytry nor this Synod; which this Synod (approving what Mr Kennedy did in this affair), having seriously consider'd, judged the said Mr Wm Forsayth an obstinate, scandalous Person, & to be looked upon as none of ours, nor to partake of sealing Ordinances amongst us, much less to be looked upon as a Preacher of the Gospel, being never licens'd so to do, & therefore requires all of our Profession to disown him, determining that if any hereafter shall intertain, countenance, or hear him preach, shall be reputed disorderly Persons, & proceeded against as such, according to Rules of Discipline in our Church; and, moreover, in Regard the Appointment for writeing the above Manifesto was not fully obey'd, this Synod renews it upon the said Mrs Thomas Kennedy & Wm Ambrose, who, when they have writt it, are to lodge it with the Clerk of this Synod, who is to give a Coppy thereof to any of the Presbytrys within the Bounds of this Synod when they shall call for it. This Minute being twice read in the Audience of the whole Synod, was approven by the vote of both Ministers & Elders *nemine contradicente.* Mr Wm Forsayth.

Messrs Wm Adair, John Frieland, & Franciss Iredell have not writ the Synod Book since the year 1690, as appointed, in Regard that they say Mr John Frieland, by frequent Infirmities & Sicknesses in his Family could spare no Time for that Work, therefore the Appointment is renew'd on said 3 Brethren. Synod Book.

The Form of Questions to be propos'd at Ordinations is not yet prepar'd & brought hither as appointed, which this Synod considering, devolves that Work wholely on Mr Alex^{r} Hutcheson, who is to have it ready so soon as he can, at furthest against the next Provincial Synod. Form of Questions at Ordinations.

Acts of the Ch: of Scotland applicable to this Church.

Mr Alexr Hutcheson, according to appointment, drew out some of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which he Judged applicable to this Church; which the Synod received thankfully, & referr'd the revising of them to the Brethren in an Interloquitur.

Perambulation & form'd.

The Bretheren appointed to perambulate the 3 Congregations of Down, Ballee, & Drumca, & form them into two, obey'd the Appointment & return'd their Determination to the Presbytry of Down, which the said Presbytry received & approv'd, as their Minutes bear.

Narowatter accomodated.

Tyrone Presbytry obey'd Appointment in Reference to Narrowatter, & the Removall of Newry Meetinghouse, which is now within a Mile of that Town.

The Dividend of Presbytrys made & determin'd last Synod was observ'd, but now the Presbytrys of Lagan, upper & lower, by them design'd The Presbytrys of Derry & Strabane, finding, as they say, Inconveniencies in divideing, & desiring Liberty to reunite in one Presbytry as formerly: this Synod grantes their Desire, leaving it to them to unite or continue separate as they find most convenient.

Antrim Presb: Book.

Antrim Presbytry Book, preceeding the last Provincial Synod is not yet ready, therefore they are appointed to get it ready, & bring to the next general Synod, in order whereto M William Adair is to write to Mr Robert Henry, to fill up the Book during his Clerkship to that Presbytry.

Supplies to Logbricklan.

Logbricklan, by their Commissioner, Andrew Thomson, informing this Synod that they want 12 of the 24 Supplies apointed by the last Synod, viz: from the Presbytrys ofAntrim, 4; Belfast, 4; Down, 3, & Tyrone, 1; that these may be granted them: which being considered, this Synod appoints the above Presbytrys to supply them as they have been defective, & that without Fail.

Interloquitur.

This Synod appoints all the Bretheren to meet in an Interloquitur to morrow morning, at 8 of the Clock, & the whole Synod to sit at 10 a Clock in the Forenoon.

June 2d, '98, at 4 a Clock in the Afternoon.

Sederunt qui Supra.

Change of Time for the Synod's Sitting approven.

The Brethren sat in an Interloquitur at 8 a Clock this Morning, as appointed, & now report that, by Difficulties in Dublin Affair, they were detain'd till one a Clock, & so necessitated to adjourn the Synod till this Time, & to warn the Committee to sit at 3 a Clock, both which this Synod allowes of.

Capel Street, Dublin.

The Brethren in the Interloquitur also report, that this Morning Messrs Patrick Campbell & John Williamson, Commissrs from Capel Street Congregation in Dublin, presented a Petition to them, expressing their Necessity & Desires of having a Collegue join'd to their Pastor, Mr Robert Henry, he growing now very Crazy and Valetudinary, & with them desirous of the Thing now petition'd for; & in the mean Time, till they be provided for with a fitt Colleague, both they & he desires to be assisted from Time to Time by this Synod: which being

considered, it was voted, *nemine contradicente*, that they should be supply'd till next Provincial Synod, unless in that time they be settl'd with a Colleague, & for making this Practicable the Brethren do overture that Messrs Alexander McCrackan, Gideon Jaque, Francis Iredell, Sam: Shennan, Seth Drummond, Will: Holmes, Senr, & Jas Kirkpatrick, a Probationer in Rout Presbytry, Supply them by Turns, each staying six Sabbaths together, going successively, one after another, in the same Order as their Names are here inserted, these Supplys commencing on the ninteenth Day of this Month; further, in Case any of the above mention'd Brethren happen to be obstructed from supplying by Sickness, then the Prēsby of which he is a Member shall send another of their own Number in his Stead when his Turn shall fall; and, moreover, for makeing this more easy to the Supplyers, it is further overtur'd, that the respective Presbytrys of which the Said supplying Brethren are Members shall supply their particular Charges in their Absence. All which being read & seriously consider'd, was unanimously approven & ratified by this Synod, & Extract hereof appointed to be given to the above Cōmissioners.

Fast appointed.

The Committee sat at three a Clock as appointed, who considering the unseasonableness of the Weather in seed Time & Harvest these Years last Past, the Scarcity of Victualls in Scotland, the sad Persecution of the Protestants in France, with many Sins abounding among our selves calling aloud for the Exercise of fasting & humiliation, therefore overture that this Synod appoint a Fast, to be religiously kept in the severall Congregations within their Bounds, the second Wednesday of Agust next, to deprecate the Lord's Anger with the Evidences & Effects thereof, and wrestle with Him for a Blessing to our selves and others, particularly for a Seasonable Harvest this Year, &c.

The Synod, having consider'd this Overture, did unanimously & readily approve of the same.

Down & Ballee.

The Congregation of Down, by their Commissioners, Jas McKnaight & Peter Dunn, shewing that Ballee & they cannot agree about the Place of their Meetinghouse, tho' otherways satisfied in the Determination of the Perambulators, and therefore supplicates this Synod to impower the Revd Presb: of Down further to consider & determine the Place, notwithstanding anything already determin'd hereanent, being hopefull they will remove differences & fix upon a Place satisfying to all; some likwise from Ballee presented a Petition, desireing either that their House be built where it was appointed by the Perambulators, or they put in *Statu quo prius*, a Distinct Congregation as formerly; all which being consider'd, this Synod, by Plurality of Votes, referrs & leaves the Cognizance of this Affair wholly to the Presbytry of Down to do as they shall find Clearness.

Mr. Frieland's Petition.

Mr John Frieland, laying his Grievances before this Synod, by Reason of the Alteration or new Frame of his Congregation, made by the Revd Presbytry of Belfast, & petitioning therefore, that either this Synod will Appoint the Bounds of his Congregation to be as formerly, or then loose his Relation from his People; which this Synod considering, returns this whole Affair to the Presbytry of Belfast, it not coming now orderly before them.

Donnoghclony Congregation.

Donnoghclony Congregation, by their Commissioner, Moses Kerr, shewing that they want six Supplies from the Presbytrys of Antrim & Belfast, which a Former Synod had appointed them, petitioning now that the same may be reappointed in their Behalf, wch this Synod grants, appointing the said Pres^by:^ to give the afforesaid supplies which they owe them.

Times for the Synod of Dromore & Colerain to meet.

The Synod at Belfast, in May last, considering the Inconveniencies of meeting so frequently in Synods, therefore overture to this Synod, that the Synods of Dromore & Colraine, appointed by the former provincial Synod to sit thrice a Year, should for the future meet & sit but once yearly, & the Synod of Dromore meet the first Tuesday of October next, the other the first Tuesday of March Following, Intermitting their Times of Meeting as they had appointed in their last sederunts; which Overture being considered by this Synod was voted & approven *nemine contrad*:

The said Synod at Belfast, considering that all in these Parts of the Kingdome, have or may have the Benefit of the Philosophy School at Killeleagh, but none contribute towards the Incouragement thereof, but only themselves, therefore referr the Consideration hereof to this Synod, that so the Presbytrys in the Synod of Colrain may be prevail'd with to contribute to it as well as they; wch being ponder'd, this Synod recommends the Consideration thereof to the next Synod at Coleraine.

This Synod appoints the Committee to sitt to morrow morning at 7 a Clock, & the Whole Synod to sit at

Sess: 4ta.

8 *quo Tempore,*

Sederunt qui supra.

The Committee sat this Morrning as appointed, and now propose these following Overtures to this Synod :—

Over: I.

That this Synod advertise their Brethren to be ware of, & by no Means countenance one Mr Hugh M^c^Henry, who was Minister in the Synod of Drumfrize, in Scotland, but now depos'd, & as is reported now traceing Mr David Hustoun's Footsteps, & in Probability designing for this Country; & also that they admonish their People to beware of him in Case he come amongst them ; and further, in pursuance hereof, this Committee overture that Mr John M^c^Bride be appointed to write to the Presbytry of Drumfrize, to get a more full & certain Account of the said Mr Hugh M^c^Henry, & any other disorderly Ministers within their Bounds, if any such be amongst them.

Over: II.

That, according to the earnest Desire of Alex^r^ Small, in the Parish of Finvoy, this Synod recommend to their respective Brethren to inquire carefully in their sevel Parishes for Jean M^c^Gee, a Girll about 11 or 12 Years of Age, who, coming lately from Scotland, landed safely some Place in the County of Antrim, but cannot now be heard of, & in Case any hear of her, to give Notice to Allan Dunlop, in Ballymoney, who will send her to the above Alex^r^ Small, who is married to her Mother, Mary Dickie.

That this Synod recommend it to their respective Brethren in the sevrall Presbytrys to use their utmost Diligence in suppressing Swearing, Breach of the Lord's Day, & all Prophanity, both by preaching & other ways, as far as they can, according to the Acts of Parliment made against that Wickedness, & for punishing Persons guilty thereof. Ov: III.

That all Expectants & Probationers be subject to the Presbytry in whose Bounds they reside, & shall no ways leave them to go to any other Presbytry, or be receiv'd by them without sufficient Testimonialls. O: IV.

That orderly Probationers inclineing to leave the Prēsby in whose Bounds they are, & to joyn with & subject themselves to any other Presbytry inviteing them so to do, shall upon their Desire obtain their Testimonials from the Presbytry where they reside, & to which they were subject, within a Month or two at furthest according to the Discretion of said Presbytry. Over. V.

All the above Overtures being severally read & consider'd, were unanimously approven by this Synod.

Mr Thos Craighead is entred on Tryalls for the Ministry in the Presbytry of Strabane, & Mr Wm Gray is Licens'd to preach. Probationers.

Ballyclug, petitioning that the determination of the Presbytry of Tyrone, & Synod of *Dummore confirming the same, be publish'd in the Congregation of Ballyclug by reading the Extract of the Minute thereanent, by the first Supplies in that Parish; which this Synod having consider'd, allowed of & granted. Ballyclung.

The Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur immediatly after their Breaking up this Evening.

This Synod Appoints the Synods of Drumore & Coleraine to have their Synod Books ready to be revis'd against the next provincial Synod, which is voted to be at Antrim, the first Wednesday of July, 1699, all Members comming to Town the Night before. Interloquitur appointed.

June 3d in the Evening.

The Brethren met as appointed in the Interloquitur, and received from the Committee the 3 following Overtures:—

That Mr John McBride be appointed to correspond with the Synods of Drumfrise & Gallway or Ministers in their Bounds, to be inform'd of such Things as may concern this Church, and give intimation thereof as may be needfull. O: I.

That he also write a Congratulatory Latter to Mr Clotworthy Upton, on Account of his Kindness to us & People of our perswasion, & withall to represent to him our Grievances, by being hinder'd in many Places to bury our Dead unless the Church read over them, & also by being obstructed in many Places of having Schoolmasters of our own Perswasion to teach our Children, & likewise by pressing our People to serve as Church Wardens, contrary to their Inclinations, while, in the Mean Time, Papists are frequently free from such Grievances. II.

*[Drumm ore.]

III. That Young men, when licens'd to preach, be oblidged to Subscribe the Confession of Faith, in all the Articles thereof, as the Confession of their Faith.

Which above Overtures being severally read & considered by the Brethren in this Interloquitur, were unanimously approven, after which they adjourn'd till

7 a Clock next morning, quo Tempore

Sederunt qui Supra.

Who, having read the Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, extracted by Mr Alexr Hutcheson, as applicable to this Church, gave him Thanks for his Pains & care in this Work, & left the same with Mr Wm Adair, that he may send Coppies of them to the severall Prēsbys within the Bounds of this Synod, at their expences, to be consider'd by them, who are to give their Judgement of the same at the next provincial Synod.

The Brethren in this Interloquitur now considering the absents from this Synod & some former Synods, unanimously appoint Messrs Robert Craighead, Robert Campbell, & James Alexander, to supply Morn, each 2 Sabbaths, Mr Wm Crooks to supply Ballyclog 2 Sabb: & Mr Neil Gray to supply Dartry 2 Sabbaths, all betwixt & next Synod at Antrim, & this upon Account of their Absence from this Synod, leaving likewise Acts formerly made against such Offences to be in Force & put in Execution or not, as the subsequent Provincial Synod shall determine.

Moreover, the Brethren in this Interloquitur advise such Brethren as find Grievances from the regular Clergy or official Courts to represent the same to Mr Thos Crawford, or some Justice of the Peace, evidently proving by Oath the Wrong complain'd of, & particularly with Referrence to popish Schoolmasters.

The Roll being now by Appointment call'd, all Members were present, excepting such as the Synod permitted to go home.

Next Synod to be at Antrim, the first Wedensday of July, 1699, Members to be in Town the Night before.

JO: MAIRS, Cl: Sy:

A General Synod at Antrim, July 5th, 1699.

Sess: 1ra. By Appointment of the Presbytry of Antrim, preached this Day before this Synod Mr Fulk White (Mr Wm Adair, former Moderator, being dead), & after Sermon, Mr John McBride, the last surviving Moderator, having constituted it by Prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers

& Elders of the respective Presbytrys, a List of which was not inserted in the Records.

This Synod being constitute, Mr McBride propos'd a Leet of eight Ministers, viz:—Messrs Jas Bruce, Jno Frieland, Fulk White, Hugh Kirkpatrick, And: Ferguson, Jo: Hutcheson, Jno Cambel, & Gideon Jacque, that one of them might be chosen Moderator of this Synod, of whom Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick was chosen by Plurality of Votes. Moder & Clerk chosen.

Next hereunto was Jno Mairs voted to continue Clerk.

Of the absents from last Synod, Messrs Robert Henry & Wm Crooks are dead; Robert Craighead, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Alexr Sinclare & Wm Ambrose gave relevant Reasons for their Absence, & were excus'd. Absents from last Synod.

Mr Wm Squire is wholly gone & continueth in England. Messrs Peter Orr, Adam White, Robert Campbell, Neal Gray, & James Alexander, are absent at this Time, & also Alexr Hutcheson, Wm Reid, Thos Cobham, Samuel Hallyday, Jos: Fisher, Sam: Henry, John McGachin, Geo: Lang, Wm Cornwal. Absent from this Synod.

Brethren dead since last Synod, besides the three already mention'd, viz:—Messrs Archd Hamilton, Senr, Jas Herron, Archd Ross, Robert Sterling, Archbd Hamilton, Junr. Br: dead since last Synod.

For considering & expedeing such things as shall come orderly before this Synod, Messrs Jas Bruce, Jno McBride, Rob: Craighead, Horace Kenedy, John Abernethy, John Campbell, Andrew Ferguson, Thos Orr, John Hutcheson, Mathew Haltridge, John Frieland, Alexr Sinclare, John Hamilton, occasionaly present, with the Moderator & Clerk, to meet in the little house at four a Clock in the afternoon, & sit till five. Comittee appointed.

This Synod appoints Messrs John Malcome, Alexr Gordon, & John Gaudy, to visit the Synod Book of Coleraine, & Messrs Francis Iredell, Wm Holmes, Senior, & Seth Drummond, to visit the Synod book of Belfast. Brn appointed to visite ye Synod Books.

This Synod appoints their next Session at six a Clock in the afternoon,

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra. Sess: 2da.

The Committee sat as appointed, & having recieved and read a Refer from the last Synod at Coleraine, touching Mr Francis Iredell's Transportation from Dunagore to Capel-Street, Dublin, Overture to this Synod, that the Cognizance & Determination of that Matter might be fallen upon this Afternoon, which this Synod unanimously approves of, & accordingly enter'd upon it, & having read the Refer from the Synod of Colraine, as also Capel Street's Commissions & Reasons for that Transportation, presented by their Commissioners, Messrs Sam: Martin, Patrick Campbell, & others, & likewise Dunagore's Commission & Answers to Capel-Street Reasons, presented by their Commrs, Captn Wm Shaw, Henry Shaw, & others, together with what further offer'd by both Parties, *Viva voce*, & also by Mr Iredell, against that Transportation; & having seriously & Impartially weigh'd all, after Invocation of Mr Iredell's Transportation.

God for Direction, judged & determin'd, by Plurality of Votes, that he should be transported to Capel-Street in Dublin; yet so if he fall under Insupportable Grievances by want of Health or otherways, then his Relation from them shall be loos'd, *Befast, with Correspondents, being Judges. Mem^d Capel-Street, by their Commissioners, promise a 100 lb: ℔ Annum for Mr Iredell's Maintainance, & likewise to Defray the Expences of his Transportation.

This Synod appoints the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur to morrow Morning at 7 a Clock, & after some time spent about some Bussiness among them, that the above mention'd Committee sit a while, & prepare some work for the Synod, which is to sitt at

Sess: 3^tia.

6 *a Clock in the Afternoon, July* 6, 1699.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

The Brethren met as appointed in an Interloquitur, &, having spent some Time upon Business to be afterward mention'd, the Brethren of the Committee sat, & report that Wm Shaw, Esqr, Peter Jackson & several Others, Commissionate from the Parish of Antrim, presented a Supplycation, complaining of a Wrong from the Presbytry of Belfast, by refusing to recommend their Call to Mr James Kirkpatrick, uppon which Account they appeal'd from the said Presbytry of Belfast to this present Synod for impartial Justice; which Affair being cosider'd in this Comittee, they agree the same should be wholly cognosc'd & determin'd by this present Synod; whereupon, they being met as appointed, entred upon this Business, & reading on the one Side Antrim's Commission to be above mention'd Commissioners, their Supplication & Appeal, as also an Extract from the Minutes of the Presb: of Belfast, under their Clerk's Hand, mentioning & owning the said Appeal as also having Read the Presbytry of Belfast their Reasons for their refusing to tender the above Call, because they said it wanted some necessary requisites in an orderly Call, as the Called's preaching before the Prēsby: concurring with the said Call, & the Judicial Tryall of the unaimity of the People calling, & withall, because they had recommended a Call from Templepatrick, in an orderly Way, to the said Mr Ja^s Kirkpatrick, before the People of Antrim made any Application to them; &, on the other Side, having heard the People of Antrim, by their Comm^rs, testifying their Uanimity in the said Call, & the Prēsby: of Antrim asserting their Concurrence therein, as also their full Satisfaction with Mr James Kirkpatrick's Ministerial Abilities, the last Synod here having sent him to supply Capel-Street in Dublin 6 Weeks, & several of their Number having heard him, tho' not presbyterially, upon which ‡accout they scrupled not to give their Concurrence with a Call to him: This Synod, after Mature Deliberation & serious Consideration, & Impartial weighing the whole Matter, came to vote whether the afforesaid Appeal was rightly grounded or not, & it carried in the Negative by Plurality of Votes; which, after the Peoples Appealing, & Presbytry concurring with them, & also the Presbytry appealed from, were call'd in, was intimated to them *Coram.*

†Atrim's Apeal discus'd.

Antrim's Appeal discus'd.

*[Belfast.] †[Antrim's.] ‡[Account.]

This Synod appoints the Brethren to meet again in a Interloquitur at 4 a Clock this Afternoon, & the Synod to sit Down at

Six a Clock Theareafter, July 6, 1699. Sess: 4ta.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

The Brethren met as appointed in an Interloquitur, in which it was agreed that Capel-Street, both on their own account & Mr Iredell's Desire, should be supply'd 12 Sabbaths; for effectuating whereof, Mr Thos Winsly was appointed, by Plurality of Votes, first six, commencing Sabbath come Fortnight, & Mr Wm *Leeh the next six; & beside Mr Sinclare is to supply them Sabbath come eight Days. Supplys for Capel-Street.

Overtures from the Brethren in the Interloquitur, viz:—that no Call be tender'd to any Minister or Expectant, unless the Presbytry under whose Inspection the Congregation is, appoint one of their Number to preceed in drawing it up. Overture approven. Ove: delay'd.

2dly That no Presbytry shall recommend more Calls than one at the same Time to any Young man: both which being consider'd in this Synod, the former was approven; the Latter was delay'd by Plurality of Votes.

Kilmakevet, by their Commissioners, Jno Wilson, Archd Hamilton, & others, with allowance of the Committee, presented a Supplication, expressing their many Difficulties & Discouragements obstructing their Joyning with Glenavy, as appointed by the Presby: of Belfast, & so desiring to continue with under-Killead as Formerly; which Affair being some While discours'd on in this Synod, was refer'd to the Presbytry of Belfast, with 4 Correspondents, viz:—Messrs John Campbell, Thos Futt from the Presbytry of Antrim, & James Bruce & Thos Orr from the Presb: of Down, who are to correspond with the Presbytry of Belfast, the 2d Tuesday of Agust Next, & in Case it be not ended by them, to be Cognosc'd and finally determin'd by the Synod of Belfast, in October next. Killmakevet.

Blairise Affair, which was before the last Synod, is now ended. Blairise.

Messrs Thos Kennedy, & Wm Ambrose wrote not a Manifesto of Mr Forsayth's Practice as appointed, in Regard he Lyes by & preaches not for what is Known, which this Synod approves. Mr Forsayth.

The Synod Book was not written, for which Mr Frieland & Mr Iredell gave Reasons as formerly, and were excus'd therefore, that this Work may be done, this Synod divides it among the Severall Presbytrys, appointing Down Presb: to revise & visit the Minutes of the 1st & 2d Synods, Belfast Presb: to revise & visit the Minutes of the 3d & 4th Synods, Antrim Presb: to revise & visit the Minutes of the 5th & 6th Synods, Lagan Presb: to revise & visit the Minutes of the 7th & 8 Synods, Rout Presb: to revise & visit the Minutes of the 9th Synod, & Tyrone Presb: to do the like with the Minutes of the 3 last Synods, this included; which being done, all are to be transmitted to Mr John McBride, who is to get them fairly engross'd in a Book at the Synod's Expences. Synod Book.

*[Leech.]

Questions for Ordināons.

Mr Alexr Hutcheson has not yet prepar'd the Form of Questions to be propos'd at Ordinations, but is about them, as Mr Jas Bruce Says; therefore, this Synod desires he may finish that Work so soon as he can.

Antrim Presbytry Book.

The Book of Antrim Prēsby:, as it stood before the Division or Alteration of Presbytrys, is not yet written, therefore this Synod appoints Mr Franciss Iredell to enquire after the Minutes writt by Mr Robert Henry during his Clerkship, & send them with his own to some Brethren in Antrim Presbytry, requiring the Brethren of that & Belfast Presbytry to put them in Order in a Book against next General Synod.

Capel-Street. Fast.

Supplys ordered for Capel-Street in Dublin, last Synod, went as appointed. The Fast mention'd last Synod was observ'd.

Donnoghclony.

Supplys appointed for Donnonclony were given for what's known to this Synod, which they judge was done, in Regard no Complaint came from that Place.

This Synod appoints the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur to morrow Morning at 7 a Clock, & the Synod to sit at

9 *of the Clock in the forenoon.*	*July* 7th,
At 12 *a Clock, Sederunt qui Supra.*	1699.

The Brethren met in an Interloquitur at 7 a Clock this Morning, wherein they were so detain'd with Business that they could not meet before this hour.

Matters determin'd in the Interloquitur are as followeth:—

Overture & appointmt for preaching to the Irish.

This Morning Mr Alexr Sinclare signified that the Brethren in Dublin had a mind to visit ye Upper Country, by Preaching, & therefore judged it would be convenient that this Synod would appoint one or two of their number to preach in the Irish Tongue to go along with 'em, or any they shall appoint for this Work, so that, while they from Dublin are preaching to the British, the Person or Persons sent by this Synod may be exercised in preaching among the Irish; which, being considered, was well approven, & Mr John McBride appointed to intimate so much to them by letter, expressing the ready & hearty concurrence of the Brethren here with so pious a Design, & for making this practicable, the Brethren in the Interloquitur appoint the Prēsby of Tyrone to send Mr Archbd McClean for some Time, when the Ministers of Dublin shall call him, & for making this the more easy to Mr McClean, the Brethren allow his Charges to be born out of R: D:, & his Place to be supply'd in his Absence by the severall Meetings, as they shall be desir'd by the Presbytry of Tyrone.

Supplys for Capel-Street delay'd.

The Commissioners of Capel-street having prevailed wth Mr Iredell to go up & stay with them 3 Weeks, desir'd the Supplys granted them might be continued, only that the Time of giving them might be delay'd a While till Mr Iredell should require them, & that then the Supplys should go for so many Sabbaths as appointed; which the Brethren here considering, granted, & so appointed Messrs Winsly & Leech to go as advertis'd by Mr Iredell.

The Judgement of the Committee concerning Marraiges being requir'd the Minute relating hereunto was read, which is as follows, viz:—touching Marraiges, the Committee do unanimously agree: that when any of our People desires to be married by a Minister of our Perswausion, none to whom they come shall refuse to marry them, in an orderly way, as has been done by us formerly, nor scruple to give their Judgement *concering the Forms & Modes of Joining People in Marraige, shewing which are Sinfull, which not, when desir'd by their People so to do; which the Brethren here considering, approv'd of, *Nemine Contradicente.* Judgemt of the Committee concerning Marraiges.

Agreed by the Brethren, that a Congratulatory Address be made to the Government in This Kingdom in general, with some Supplications for continuing our Liberty & Exemption from Molestation on Account of Marrying, as also particular Address be made to the Duke of Bolton, rendring our gratefull Acknowledgents for his former Favours, particularly his Kindness evidenc'd toward us when he was last in England, & likewise that Expences for renewing the Patent of R: D: & other Things upon that Account be defray'd out of R: D:, for effectuating all which the Brethren appoint Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, John Campbell, Mathew Haltridge, Jas Bruce, Joh: McBride, John Hutcheson, Hugh Kilpatrick, & John Malcome (or so many of them as can come) to meet in a Committee at Belfast, when Mr John McBride shall call & require them so to do. Addresses.

The Minute of the last Interloquitur of the former Synod being now read, it was found that Mr Robert Campbell supply'd Morn, & Mr Wm Crooks supply'd Ballyclong according to Appointment, but Mr Neal Gray supply'd not. Supplys ℔ form'd & not ℔ form'd.

At this Time the Presbytry of Antrim gave †Accout that there was a flagrant Fame that Mr Stafford Pettegrew was guilty of adultery with one Mary Orpine, some Time before he was licens'd to preach, & thereupon read their Minutes & some Letters relating thereunto, which the Brethren in this Interloquitur having read & consider'd, for further Clearness call'd one John O'Cune, of Carrickfergus, & requir'd him to declare what he knew of that Matter, who accordingly did, so much Homologating the Report contained in the Minute of Antrim Presb: again they called Thomas Wilson, an Elder in Bellyeaston, who did discourse the said Mary Orpine when he was in Dublin with Mr Pettegrew, who, after a little Consideration (being desir'd to give his Thoughts of this Scandall, & how the Congregation stood affected with Mr Pettegrew), answer'd that, for his own Part, he judged for what appear'd as yet, that Mr Pettegrew was not guilty, & tho' the People of their Congregation continued yet to hear him, yet he fear'd his Ministry would not be successfull amoung them as formerly; and after all this they appointed Messrs John Abernethy, Rob: Campbell, John Hutcheson & Alexr Sinclare to go out & confer with Mr Pettegrew, to try what they could find out from himself, who accordingly went, &, being return'd, reported that they were very serious with him, &, after Prayer, entred upon that Business, pressing him to declare himself ingenuously, but he flatly deny'd all, & protested his Innocency in that particular before God, adding that he look'd upon himself as nothing Mr Pettegrew's Scandall.

*[Concerning.] †[Account.]

guilty & deserving of Censure, unless sporting & rumaging, as he term'd it, were judged scandalous, which, if so, he would submitt to Censure; all which being considered, the Brethren in this Interloquitur unanimously agreed that this Affair should come before the Whole Synod, who, now sitting, entred upon it, & having read & considered what was done in the Interloquitur, called Mr Pettegrew, who, being come, the Moder, having laid before him the Crime alledg'd against Him, the Damning Nature of it, the Danger of covering it by Dissimulation, the Necessity of Repentance, and of Glorifying God by a free & True Confession, & to this Purpose urg'd & press'd him to acknowledge & declare sincerely whether he was guilty or not; who answer'd that he could say nothing Further than what he had already declar'd to his own Presbytry, which is recorded in their Minutes, & to Brethren which the Interloquitur a few Hours ago sent out to confer with Him; after which, he being put out, the Synod seriously ponder'd the whole Affair, & agreed that Messrs Francis Iredell, Alexr Sinclare, Robert Dollway, Esqr, Samuel Martin, & Patrick Campbell, should take all Due Care to inquire into & search out the Matter as far as they could, & report to ye Presbytry of Antrim, who, with correspondents from other Prēsbys, afterwards to be nominated, should cognosce upon, Judge & determine, as they shall find Clearness; but in the mean Time finding him guilty of such leavity with the Woman, unanimously agreed to rebuke & admonish him *Coram*, till Matters be be further clear; all which, being twice read, was approven, *Nemine contrad:;* & so, he being call'd in, & this whole Minute read in his Audience, after which he was rebuk'd & admonis'd *Coram*, after which he desir'd that Mr Patrick Shaw & Archd Bailie might be joynd to the persons who are to inquire into the Crime alledg'd against him, which this Synod granted, but with this proviso: that, in case all the Persons nam'd could not meet together, then any four of them might meet and search into that Matter, Mr Iredell being one of them as Mr Pettegrew desir'd.

Mr Pettegrew's Scandall.

Mr Pettegrew's Scandall.

Correspondents to joyn wth Antrim Presb:

Now for Correspondents to assist & joyn with Antrim Presb:, when this Affair should come to be judg'd by them, this Synod allow'd Mr Pettegrew to chuse them out of the other Presbytrys, who thereupon made Choice of Messrs John M'Bride & Andrew Crawford, out of Belfast Presbytry; Thomas Orr & Sam: Shennan, out of Down Prēsby; & Hugh Kirkpatrick, out of Rout Presb:; which Choice this Synod approved of, & accordingly appointed the said Brethren to correspond with the Presb: of Antrim, when they should call & require them so to do.

Antrim's Petition.

The People of Antrim, petitioning either that Mr Jas Kirkpatrick be appointed to preach amoung them, that they may proceed orderly to give a formal Call, or then advise them how they may be planted with a fit Pastor; in Answer thereto, this Synod leaves them to their own Presb:, appointing that Presb: & Belfast Presb: to meet and sitt severally, & do what they Judge most proper for Antrim's orderly Plantation, immediatly after the Rising of this Synod.

Clerk's Fees.

This Synod appoints Mr Thos Crawford to pay the Clerk of the Synod's Fees out of the Proportion of R: D: belonging to such Prēsbs as neglect to pay it themselves.

Commissioners from Moy-Watter, with Allowance from the Interloquitur, presented a Petition for a Minister to settle amoung them, or supplys if that could not be granted; which this Synod considering, referr'd them to their own Presb:, knowing none to advise them to at present. A Petion from Moy-Water.

Next Synod is to sit at Antrim, the first Tuesday of June next, & to sit in an Interloquitur at 6 a Clock, & preaching to be at 10 a Clock on Wednesday. Next Synod.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 5th, 1700.

At 10 *a Clock in the Forenoon, Sess:* 1ma.

This Day Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick preach'd on Acts 20 : 28, & after Sermon, having constituted this Synod by Prayer, *sederunt*

Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, &c:, in number, 70.	Ruleing Elders, in number, 64.

The Synod being constitued, Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick propos'd a Leet of 7 Brethren, viz: Messrs John Frieland, Fulk White, Andrew Ferguson, John Hutcheson, John Campbell, Gideon Jackque, & Mathew Haltridge, that one of them might be chosen to moderate this present Synod, of whom Mr Jo: Cambell was chosen. Moderator Chosen.

Next hereunto, John Mairs was appointed to continue Clerk; & the Synod appointed to meet again at Clerk Continued.

4 a Clock this Afternoon, quo Tempore

Sederunt qui Supra.

Absents from this Synod—Messrs Jas Bruce, Thos Cobham, Adam White, Jo: Abernethy, Rob: Craighead, Neal Gray, Robert Campbell, Jas Alexander, Jas Pringle, Sam: Henry, Thomas Craighead, & Geo: Lang— of whom Messrs Rob: Craighead, Alexander, Abernethy, Bruce, Cobham, & Lang, sent their Excuses, which were accepted. Absents from this Synod excus'd.

Messrs Sam: Haliday, Joshua Fisher, Jo: McGauchy, & Wm Cornwall, Absents from the last Synod, gave relevant Reasons for their asence, & were excus'd. Absents from last Synod excus'd.

Unanimously agreed to & appointed, that the Brethren meet at 8 a Clock in the Morning, & sit in an Interloquitur till 10, at which Hour the Whole Synod is to meet & sitt till 12, & then again meet at 2 in the Afternoon, & sit till & rise at 7 precisely, & so to continue each Day during the Time of this Synod. Hours for sitting & riseing of the Synod.

The Determination of the second Overture propos'd to the last Synod, viz:—that no Presb: shall recommend more Calls than one at the same Time to any Young Man, being delay'd till this, & now consider'd, Determination abt Plurality of Calls.

it was agreed to & determin'd that Plurality of Calls may be recommened, yet with Those Provisos, viz :—that the Person so call'd be determin'd by the Prēsby to whom he belongs; but in Case the Calls be from severall Presbytrys, the Synod in whose Bounds he resides; but if from distinct Synods then by the General Synods.

Revising the Synod Books.

Messrs Wm Holmes, Senr, & John Lee, are appointed to revise the Synod Book of Belfast, & Messrs Francis Iredell & Andrew Crawford the Synod Book of Colerain.

Kilmakevet Business determin'd.

The Gen: Synod Book.

The Synod Book's not yet written up, therefore the appointment's renew'd on The Presbytrys as formerly.

The Book of Antrim Presb:

The Book of Antrim Presb: before the Division thereof is not yet Written, but Mr Iredell got from Mrs Henry so many of the Minutes hereof wrote by her deceas'd Husband as he could find, & gave these, with the Minutes during his own Clerkship, to Mr John Lee, who is to put them into some Order, and bring them to the Presbytrys of Antrim & Belfast, who are to get them ready against next Synod.

Irish.

Mr Archb^{d} McClane was not call'd by Dublin Ministers to preach amoung the Irish, so went not.

C-Street Supply'd.

Capel-Street was Supply'd by Messrs Winsly & Leech as appointed.

Antrim.

Nothing yet done for Antrim's Plantation.

Interloquitur.

June—The Brethren met in an Interloquitur at 8 in the Morning according to Appointment.

Mr Robert Campbell is now come, and brought a Letter from Mr Sam: Henry, giving the Reasons of his Absence, which were judged relevant. At the same Time, another Letter was read from Mr Neal Gray, expressing the Reasons of his Absence from this Synod, which was likewise judged Relevant, & they Both excus'd.

Br: ℙ mitted to withdraw.

Messrs John Lee & Wm Holmes, Ju^{r}, desir'd Liberty to withdraw, the Former hearing by express his Wife was unwell, the Latter that his Father was at the Point of Death, whereupon both were permitted to go.

Mr Pettegrew Clear'd.

This Morning the Minute about Mr Pettegrew's Scandall was read, whereupon the Presb: of Antrim was requir'd to give Account of their Inquiry into that Affair, who produc'd & read their Minute, Dated March 5th, 1699, at Ballymena, as Follows, viz :—this Presb: having call'd the Correspond^{ts} from Down, Belfast, & Rout Meetings, as was appointed by the last Gen: Synod, & having read a final Answer from the Dublin Comm^{rs}, who were appointed by the last Gen: Synod to make an exact Inquiry into that Matter of Mr Pettegrew's with Mrs Orpine, & after calling on God for Light in this Affair, according to the Evidence they had, did, *Nemine Contrad:*, vote Mr Pettegrew clear of that Scandall charg'd upon him, & Mr Fulk White is appointed to preach at Bally-Easton, Sab: come 8 Days, & signifie the same at large to that Congregation; which the Brethren in this Interloquitur having heard, acquiesc'd in, & appointed that to be read before the Synod at 10 a Clock.

Mr Pettegrew clear'd.

The Form of Questions to be propos'd at Ordinations is not yet drawn nor brought to this Synod, wherefore this Synod renews the Appointment on Mr Alexr Hutcheson to do it so soon as he can. The Form of Ques: for Ordinations.

Mr John McBride call'd the Committee of the Brethren at Belfast as appointed, who did what was injoyn'd them, & had good Effects, as the Minutes of the said Committee, in their Clerk's Hands bear. A Com: call'd by Mr John McBride.

Mr Iredell got a New Patent for R:D:, & deliver'd it to Mr Thos Crawford, who lodged it in Mr McBrides Hand, one of the Patentees, who is is to keep it Safe for the Common Good of the Brethren concern'd. A New Patent for R: D:

Capel-Street presented a Petition subscribed in their Name, & by their Appointment, by Jon Kennedy, expressing their great Need & earnest Desire of a fit Colleague, & Advise from this Synod whom to fix upon & Call, which Mr Iredell seconded, earnestly pressing the same; which the Brethn in this Interloquitur having considered & inquired into, could advise to none at present, but would further consider upon it, & advise as they shall find Ground. Capel-Street's Petition.

Sess: 3tia, June 5th, at 10 a Clock in the Forenoon,

Sederunt qui Supra.

At this Time the Minutes about Mr Pettegrew, which was agreed to in the Interloquitur, was now again read, in which this Synod acquiesc'd. The Min: abt Mr Pettegrew read.

The Minutes of Colraine Synod were revis'd and approven. Yet this Synod finding they appointed & kept a Fast through their Bounds upon a generall Account, viz:—the Distresses of persecuted Christians abroad, not having intimated the same to the Synod of Belfast, advises that no such thing be done *pro futuro*, without the Concurrence of the Brethren in the Synod of Belfast. Colerain Minutes revis'd.

Overtur'd that a Method be fallen upon for propagating the Gospel in the upper Country about Inniskillin, which being considered. This Synod appoints Messrs Gideon Jackque, Pat: Dunlop, Thos Craighead, Sam: Henry, John McGauchy, Humphrey Thompson, Jas Maxwell, Jas Pringle, Wm Cornwall, & John Mairs, to meet together & act according to the Commission afterward to be considered & given by this Synod, for planting the Gospell in that Countrey so far as they can; & thus to continue till the Next Gen: Synod, to whom they are to be accountable, & by whom they are to be further determin'd, as the Synod shall think fitt. Moreover, this Synod allows the above mention'd Brethren to be free from attending their respective Presbytrys during that Time, and appoint the first Meeting to be at Inniskillin, the 3d Wednesday of July next, at which Mr Gideon Jacque is to preach & preside. Severall Br: to meet at Inniskillin.

Sess: 4ta. At 2 a Clock in the Afternoon

Sederunt qui Supra.

Some Brethren informing this Synod that the last Synod at Colerain, by Plurality of Votes, determin'd their next Sedert to be at The next Meeting Place for Colerain Synod.

L-Derry, but that now the Presbytrys of Rout & Antrim desire that it may be at Colerain, fearing Inconveniencies in going to Derry; which this Synod having hear'd & considered, advised it should sit at Colerain, provideing the said two Presbytrys do unanimously desire the same.

Belfast Minutes revis'd.

The Minutes of Belfast Synod were revis'd according to Appointment & appoven.

Probationers.

Recommended to all the Presbytrys within the Bounds of this Synod, to acquaint the severall Presbytrys within their respective Bounds & Synods with the Names of all the Probationers they enter on Tryals, licence, or Ordain.

Clogh & Killreaghts Debate.

The Debeat betwixt Clogh & Kilreaghts, about some Bounds betwixt them which each Party Claim, coming before this Synod by an Appeal from the Synod of Colerain: This Synod having read many of their Papers, waving this Appeal, referr'd the Cognizance & Determination of that Matter to Messrs Edward Gallon, Ja^s^ Henry, & Hugh Boyd, requiring both Parties to stand to the Gentlemen's Determination which is to be given any Time at their Conveniency, betwixt & the first of Agust next.

This Synod appoints the Brethren to meet immediatly in an Interloquitur, & the Synod to sitt at 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning.

Hora 6ta pomeridiana.

Interloquitur. Allen & Wylie their Petiōns.

The Brethren met in an Interloquitur, where Pat: Allan & John Wylie presented their Petitions for Charity, for supply of whom the Brethren recommened the former to the Synod of Belfast, & the Latter to the Synod of Colerain; & accordingly appointed the Clerk to subscribe their Petitions & recommend them, which was done.

Mr Steuart's Informaōn. ag^st^ M^r^ McCraken.

This Evening Robert Steuart, from Lisburn, with Allowance from the Prēsby of Belfast, presented a Petition in his Father's Name & his own, informing that there were some Differrences betwixt Mr Alex^r^ M^c^Krakan & them, & complaining that he had refus'd to admitt them to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with his Congregation the last Sabbath; adding a Desire of Direction how to carry in that Matter, promising to follow the same; whereupon, he being desir'd to withdraw, M^r^ M^c^Crakan was call'd, who answer'd that he had no Prejudice against them, had no way Injur'd them, nor tabled any Complaint against them, as was alledg'd, notwithstanding some aspersions they had cast upon Him, which gave great Offence to his Session & People, upon which Account they had no Clearness to Communicate with the said Robert & his Father, till by an Acknowledgement of their Fault they should remove the Offence Given, so that all he desir'd was that the Offence given his People might be remov'd, which the Presbytry of Belfast (before whom this Matter lay, & by whom it was inquir'd into, & try'd) had not yet done, & for his Part he would be easily satisfied; whereupon Belfast Presbytry being call'd, & their Minutes relating to that particular being read, the Brethren enter'd upon the Cognizance of that Business, which resolv'd in the Approbation of the Proceedings of Belfast Presbytry in that Affair, which fully vindicated M^r^ M^c^Crakan, & send-

ing out 4 Brethren, 2 to conferr with him, & 2 with Mr Steuart, to press them to bury all their Differrences in Oblivion, & live amicably *pro futuro*, which was done; & the 4 Brethren reported that they found good Success in the said Conferrence; whereupon Mr McCraken & Mr Steuart were call'd in, who said they were sorry for the Differrences that had hapned betwixt them, & willing to trample them all under foot, in Testimony whereof they shaked Hands *Coram*, & being exhorted to their Duty, & to abstain from all Reflections, & guard against all Differrences for Time to Come, they promis'd to carry as became toward each other, with which the Brethren here were well Satisfied. Further, requiring the Session & Congregation of Lisburn & the said Mr Steuart & his father to bury all their Differrences in Oblivion, and abstain from all Irritating Reflections & Cavills hereafter, otherwise they shold be look'd upon as disorderly, & dealt with accordingly.

The Synod's Appointmt that all parties cease from moving any further in this.

Sess 5ta, July 7th, at 8 a Clock in the Morning, S: 5ta.

Sederunt qui Supra.

This Synod considering upon Methods for planting the upper Country about Inniskillin with the Gospell (upon an Overture made to that Effect by the Synod of Colerain), after mature Deliberation do Commissionate & appoint Messrs Gideon Jacque, Pat: Dunlop, Thos Craighead, Sam: Henry, Jo: McGauchy, Humphrey Thompson, Jas Maxwell, Jas Pringle, Wm Cornwall, & John Mairs to meet, sit, & act Presbyterially, as other Presbytrys do, the 3d Wednesday of July next, at Inniskillin, and afterward at such Time and Place as they shall appoint, doing what in them lyes to spread & propagate the Gospell, in Purity both as to Doctrine & Discipline, according to the Presbyterian Principles & rules agreed upon by this Church, & so to continue for a Year, being accountable for their Actings & Proceedings to the next Synod at Antrim, who shall Continue or take up this Commission as they shall find Clearness.

A Com: for meeting at Inniskillin.

Dartry & Brechy are to be supply'd by the Presbytry of Tyrone till they be planted with a Minister.

Dartry & Brechy.

The Brethren are to meet immediatly in an Interloquitur.

Interloquitur.

This Synod, by Plurality of Votes, determines their next Sederunt to be at Antrim, the first Wednesday of June next, & sermon to begin at 9 of the Clock, all the Br: are to be in Town the Night before.

The next Meeting of ye Gen: Synod.

The Brethren mett in an Interloquitur as appointed, where the Minute relating to Lisburn was read and approven, & the Clerk appointed to give an Extract thereof when desir'd so to do.

Lisburn Minute approven.

Next a Petition from Mr Robert Shaw, supplicating for somewhat to enable Him to begin a Trade for his Support now abroad, being read & consider'd—The Brethren unanimously recommend it to their Presbytrys to use their Interest with the Gentlemen in Their Severall Congregaōns, to get somewhat to this Effect, & what is got to be brought to the Respective Presbytrys, & from them sent to Mr Iredell, to be transmitted to the Petitioner.

Mr Rob: Shaw's Petition.

Mrs Henry's Petition.

The Brethren agreed to grant Mrs Henry, from Dublin, her Petition for supply, and appointed each planted Congregation within the Bounds of this Synod to give her half a Crown, which is to be brought to the respective Presbytrys, & from them sent to Messrs Iredell & Sinclare, to deliver the same to her.

Captain of Dunune, his Invitāon to Mr John Campbell.

Thouching Master John Campbell's Circumstances in Carncastle, & the Invitation from Largs, and the Capt. of Dunune in Scotland offering to settle his Estate upon Him & his Children, if he go over to Scotland and settle in Largs near himself, in which particular he desir'd ye advice of the Brethren here met, who considering that Affair allow'd he go over to Scotland about his necessary Affairs so soon as he can, & if he find that Capt. of Dunune will not settle the said Estate unless he go over, to inform the Presbytry of Antrim, who, with Correspondts, Messrs John McBride, John Frieland, Hugh Kirkpatrick, & Mathew Clerk, to joyn with them when call'd, shall judge, Cognosce upon, & finally determine that Matter, either to loose his Relation from this Church or not, as they shall find Grounds.

A Rule for distributing R: D:

Some Brethren expressing their Dissatisfaction with a Rule made some Time ago for distributing R:D:, viz:—that the Quarter in which a Minister dies & the Quarter Thereafter shall go his Wife & Children, if he left either, alledgeing that some by Virtue hereof received a Quarter of R:D: whose Circumstances requir'd no such Thing, & therefore moved that only the Quarter in which he dyed should go to his Relict & Children, which they said was according to the first Settlement in such a Case; which being considered, the Brethren voted whether the former or Latter should stand & continue, & by Plurality of Votes it was carryed in the latter.

Members of a Committee.

For Members to sit in a Committee at Belfast for taking Account of Mr Crawford's Distribution of R:D:, & what relates thereto, drawing of Addresses, and doing what concerns the Publick, as Occasion shall require, till next Synod, are as follows, viz.:—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, John McBride, Thos Futt, Hugh Kirkpatrick, John Hutcheson, Andrew Ferguson, or any 3 of them, who are to meet at any Time, when Mr McBride shall call them upon any weighty Emergent as he judges needfull.

Capel Street Petiōn again press'd.

Mr Iredell again pressed Capel-Street Petition that it might be further consider'd & these advis'd to a fit Colleague, but was answer'd again as formerly.

Over: for reforming the Levitees.

Overtur'd 1st, that there were some Ministers, their Wives, & Children are too gaudy & vain in their Apparrel, & some too sordid, therefore that it be recommended to the severall Presbytrys to reform these Fault's in themselves & theirs, & study Decency & Gravity in their Apparell & Wiggs, avoiding powderings, vain Cravats, Half Shirts, & the like.

Overtur'd 2dly, that sumptuous Dinners like Feasts, on Mundays after Communions, be forborn in Minrs Houses, & none entertain'd that Day but their Guests who lodged with them, & also that Sumptuous Prodigal Dinners at Ordinations be forborn.

Approven.

Both these were voted and approven, *Nem: Contrad:*, & for making

them practicable, the Br: in this Interloquitur recommend it to the Care of the Severall Prēsbys to observe carefully & inquire into these Things, & censure as they shall find Ground, and be accountable to the Synod. *Finis.*

A General Synod at Antrim, June 4th, 1701.

This Day, Mr John Campbell preach'd on Rev: 3, 19, on these Words—be zealous & repent; &, after Sermon, having constituted this Synod by Prayer, *sederunt* the Ministers & Elders of the severall Presbytrys within the Bounds of this Synod as follows, viz :—Ministers 73, & Elders near the same Number. Sess: 1ma.

The Synod being constitute, Mr John Campbell, the former Moderator, propos'd a Leet of six Brethren, that one of them might be chosen to Moderate This Synod, of whom Mr Francis Iredell was chosen by Plurality of Votes. Moder & Clerk chosen.

Next hereunto Mr John Mairs was voted to continue Clerk.

Absents from last Synod were all excus'd such of them as were now also absent having sent, & the Rest present having given, Reasons which were judged Relevant. Absent from last Synod excus'd.

Absents at this Time, viz :—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Thos Cobham, Edward Bayly, John Lee, Adam White, John Abernethy, Peter Orr, Thos Elder, Rob: Craighead, Neal Gray, Robert Campbell, Jas Alexander, Jas Pringle, Thos Harvey, Geo: Lang, Senr, Gideon Jack, John Hutcheson, & Henry Crooks, were all excus'd, some having writ, others by Br: sent, relevant Reasons for their Absence. Absents from this Synod excus'd.

This Synod appoints Messrs Jas Bruce, John Malcome, John Frieland, Alexr McCrakan, and Moses Cherry, to revise the Minutes of Colerain Synod, & Messrs John Fisher, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Matt: Haltridge, John Campbell, & And: Ferguson, to revise the Minutes of Belfast Synod, & give their Returns when requir'd. Revising Synod Minutes.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur at 3 a Clock, in the little House, & the whole Synod at 4 this Afternoon. Interloquitur appointed.

Quo Tempore, Sederunt qui Supra.

The Brethren met at 3 a Clock this Afternoon as appointed, & spent an Hour together in discoursing of Things relating to the Synod, & kept a Memdm of such things as were thought needfull to be minuted, which are to be found, together with the Minutes of the following Interloquitur, in the last Page annexed to the Minutes of this Synod. Sess: 2da.

The Synod now met, & reading the Minutes of the last Synod here found that the Book of the Presb: of Antrim, viz:, before the Division of that Presb:, is not yet written up, therefore now renews the former Appointment for getting it ready. Antrim Presb: Book.

Questions for Ordinations.

2. No Account of Mr Alexr Hutcheson's drawing a Form of Questions to be propos'd at Ordinations, saving what Mr Alexr Bruce gives, which is that he has them ready; therefore this Synod appoints Mr John McBride to get them, that they may be revis'd at the next Synod in Belfast, from whence they are to be transmitted to the Synod of Colerain, & both these Synods are to give their Judgement of them at the next General Synod.

3. A Petition from Capel-Street for a Colleague to their Minr now coming before them, was delay'd for an Answer thereto till the sam be consider'd in an Interloquitur.

The Desire of some Br: of Inniskillin granted.

4. A Desire of some of the Br: of Inniskillin Presb:, that Messrs John McBride, John Campbell, John Malcome, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Jos: Fisher, Fulk White, Matt: Haltride, & Wm Ambrose, might be appointed to hear & conferr with them about their Actings, according to their Commission, and their Sence of the Erection, that afterwards the said desir'd Brethren may give their own Sentimts of that Erection to this Synod; which being consider'd, was granted, & said Br: accordingly are apted to meet to Morrow Morning at 7 a Clock for that End.

Clogh & Kilreaght.

5. The Debate betwixt Clogh & Kilreaght is not yet ended, therefore in Order thereto this Synod appoints Messrs Matt: Haltridge to write to the Gentlemen to whom the last Synod refer'd it, desiring them to consider & determine the said Differrence so soon as they can.

Brechy & Kells.

6. A Petition from Brechy & Kells for a Minister to settle among them, which this Synod considering could not grant, but recommended them to the Presb: of Tyrone for supplys, & likewise advis'd any Presb: within the Bounds of this Synod, to whom they should apply for a Minister to favour & encourage them in an orderly Way.

A Committee apted to consider Petitions.

7. A Supplication from Wm Fairise, representing his great Loss, present Straits, & earnest Desire of Supply, coming with allowance of the Presb: of Down; which this Synod having considered, appointed Messrs Alexander McCrakan, Jas Bruce, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Jas Scot, Sam: Haliday, & Alexr Gordon, to meet to Morrow Morning at 7 a Clock, to consider his Petition, & shuch other Petitions as come to this Synod for Charity, and make some Overtures for supplying them.

Interlor appointed.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur at the little House, to Morrow Morning, & the whole Synod at

Sess: 3tia.

10 *a Clock in the Forenoon, June 5th*, 1701.

Quo Tempore, Sederunt qui Supra.

The Min: B: & C: Synods approven.

The Minutes of Belfast & Colerain Synod were revis'd by the Brethren appointed, & report being made to this Synod, were unanimously approven.

Over: I.

The Brethren appointed to consider Overtures for Charity, Overtur'd that 2s at least out of every planted Congregation within the Bounds of this Synod be given to Wm Fairise, & a full Sabbath's Collection, to be intimated the Sabbath before, be given out of the Presbytry of Down.

A Sabbath's Collection, intimated as aforesaid, be given from each planted Congregation within the Bounds of this Synod to Charles Aconbury, Prisoner in France, &, moreover, advis'd the Presbytrys of Belfast & Antrim in a special Manner to consider & assist him. Over: II.

Two Shillings to be given out of every planted Congregation within the Bounds of this Synod to Hugh McCrakan, in Kells; which three Overtures being severally consider'd, were approven, & for geting the Money more easily, & without Expence to the Petitioners, this Synod appoints the Several Presbytrys to collect the Same by one of their respective Numbers, & to pay Wm Fairise' Proportion to John Young, Mercht in Belfast; Mr Aconbury's to Thos Crawford, in Belfast, & Hugh McCrackan's to Mr Alexr McCrakan, in Lisburn; and this to be done so soon as may be & sent to the Petitioners. Over: III.

Jas Drennan's Case being consider'd, he is to be reliev'd by the Session of Carmony, & Presb: of Belfast; which being voted, was approven by Plurality of Votes. Over: IV.

Dunnagor petitioning that Jas Smith & Patk Allan be continued Members of their Congregation, & the Said Jas & Patrick petitioning to be annex'd as Parrishioners to Belly-Easton, they being within a Mile of the Latter, and near 4 Miles distant from the former; which being consider'd, this Synod came to a Vote whether they should continue Members of Dunnagor or not, & it carried continue. Dunnagor.

Wm Irwin & Thos Black, commissionate by severalls in Ballynadrento, petitioning to be re-annex'd to Killead, being unwilling to joyn with Glenavy, to which the Presb: of Belfast had annex'd them, after the Perambulation of these Bounds by appointment of the Synod of Belfast; which this Synod considering, came to a vote whether they should continue Members of Glenavy or return to Killead, and it was carried continue, *Nemine Contradicente.* Ballynadrento to continue annex'd to Glenavy.

This Synod appoints all the Brn to meet in an Interloquitur in the little House at 3 a Clock, & the whole Synod at

4 *a Clock, quo Tempore, Sederunt qui Supra.*

Mr Thos Craighead got Leave to go Home, being very far of.

An Overture from the Synod of Belfast, viz.: that they may have Liberty to appoint the Time & Place of their Meeting, from Time to Time hereafter, as they shall think Fitt; which being read & considered, was granted.

An Overture from the Synod of Colerain to this Synod, viz.: that there be Censures both in Presbytrys & Sessions, viz.: in Presbytrys twice in the year, & in Sessions once yearly at least; which being read & considered, was approven.

Complaint being made that some Brethren gave Recomendations to Mendicants traveling through the Kingdome, therefore ys Synod admonish'd the Brn now complain'd of, & advis'd all other Bretheren to beware of & abstain from all such like Practices for the future.

Whereas it is now suggested that some Mendicants sometimes counterfeit Ministers' Hands, & bring forged Testimonials & Recommendations—therefore, to prevent the like for the future, 'tis now That the Presbytry send their ordinary Subscriptions to ye other Presbytrys

overtur'd that each Presbytry within the Bounds of this Synod send all their ordinary Subscriptions to the rest of the Presbytrys, that so their Hands may be known; which being considered was approven.

Modell of a new Presb:

Messrs Thos Kennedy, Pat: Dunlop, John McBride, & John McGauchy met as appointed by the Brethren in the Interloquitur, &, having considered the Erection at Inniskillin, & their Actings, report that it appear'd to them that the Commission given for the said Erection was not well observ'd, & that the Observance of it in making Inniskillin the Ordinary Seat of the Presb: was not like to take Effect in planting the Country thereabout with the Gospel, which was the End design'd in giving it—therefore overture that a Presb: be erected, consisting of these Members, viz.:—Messrs Gideon Jackque, John Mairs, Pat: Dunlop, Wm Ambrose, Wm Cornwall, John McGauchy, Baptist Boyd, Robert Darragh, Humphrey Thomson, & Ja^{s} Maxwell, taking in thereto the Severall Congregations within their Bounds.

Over: I.

II. Clownis to be the Ordinary Seat of their Meeting.

III. In Regard of the Difficulty of their Work, they get needfull Supplys as they shall Demand from the Severall Presbytrys of the Synod of Belfast till next Synod; which Overtures being now read & consider'd, were approven by Plurality of Votes, altho' some of the Members of that new Erection made their Objections against it; &, moreover, for the effectuating & carrying on of that Work, this Synod apoints the Br^{n} now erected in a Presb: to meet Presbyterially in Town this Evening (Mr Ambrose being their Mode^{r}), that they may consider the Affairs of the Presb:, & what Number of Supplys they will need for the Vacancies, & lay the same before the Synod to Morrow Morning, which shall be consider'd & appointed.

Interlor appt^{d}.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet in an Interloquitur immediatly at the little House, & also to Morrow Morning at 7 of the Clock, & the Whole Synod at 8 thereafter.

Sess: 4ta.

At 10 *a Clock, ante Merid:, Sederunt qui Supra.*

The Bretheren being detain'd by Business in the Interloquitur, could not meet before this Hour Synodically.

The Synod being constitue, & Roll call'd, the 2 last Overtures of the last Interloquitur being read & revis'd by this Synod, were unanimously approven & agreed to.

Venn-Cash & Clare refer'd to the Synod of Belfast.

Commissioners from Venny-Cash, supplicating that the Inhabitants of some Towns now joyning with Clare might be joyn'd with them, alledgeing the Property belongs to them—on the other Hand, Clare, by their Commissioner, John Dicky, claiming an Interest in the said Inhabitantes, as belonging to them, & complaining that some Persons both in Venny-Cash & Market-Hill endavour to draw away some Members from Clare to joyn with their Congregation, & desiring that this Synod may discharge all such Practices for the Time to come; whereupon this Synod having read the Petitions, & also the Petition of that People whom Veny-Cash claim, & who desire to be continued with Clare, & considered the whole Affair, referr'd the Determination

thereof to the Synod of Belfast, & in the mean Time appts the People now joynining with Clare to continue with them till the Synod of Belfast should give their Determination.

The Brethren of Clownis Presb: met as appointed last Night, and now presented an unanimous Petition supplicating to have Messrs Thos Kennedy, Senr & Junr, Henry Crooks, & John Cleave annex'd to them, that so they may continue a stedfast fixt Presb: to meet Monaghan, & to have Members of their Own to supply their Vacancys within their Bounds, adducing severall other Reasons in Write, proving the necessity & conveniency hereof; whereupon this Synod, having read & weigh'd the Same, heard all Parties concern'd & put them out, & reason'd the whole Matter Impartially among themselves, did, upon Mature Deliberation, grant the said Petition, & so erected, & hereby actually erect, the aforesaid Presbytry at Clownis; & the said 4 Bretheren now sought in a fixt standing Presbytry, who by their own Members are to supply their own Bounds, & in order thereto, meet Presbyterially the first Tuesday of July, at Monaghan, & Mr Rob: Darragh is to preach. The new-erected Presby's Petition granted.

And, Moreover, for the rest of the Bretheren of the Presbytry of Ardmagh, this Synod appoints them, together with Mr Charles Wallace, for another Presb:, & to meet & sitt presbyterially at Tanrogee, the 2d Tuesday of July next, when & where Mr Moses Cherry is to open the said Presb: by preaching. And, likewise, this Synod appoints & allows both these Presbytrys to nominate & appoint their Places & Times of their Meeting afterwards, as they shall judge most convenient. And, further, this Synod appoints Messrs Thos Craighead, Jas Pringle, & Sam: Henry to joyn with the Presbytry of Lagan as Members thereof. Mr Char: Wallace joyn'd to the Presb: of Ardmagh, & Messrs Thos Craighead & Jas Pringle & Sam:

A Memorandum of Ministers ordain'd, Install'd, & licenc'd to preach, & such as have enter'd on Tryalls since last Synod here, are as follows :—

1. Ordain'd.	2. Instal'd.	3. Licens'd.
Messrs	Messrs	Mess:
John Riddell, March 12th, Belfast.	Hen: Hamilton, Feb: 1700, Down.	Alexr Brown, } Antrim.
Wm Ogilvy, Novr 5th, Antrim.	Thos Harvey, Janry 1700, Lagan.	Hugh Kelso, } Tyrone.
Thos Elder, October 5th, Rout.	Enter'd on Tryals for Ord:	Jas Fleming, } Tyrone.
Tyrone—Thos Kennedy, Junr, 9ber 6.	Wm Smith, Down.	Gib:Kennedy, } Tyrone.
John McCleave, Feb: 5th.	Alexr McAlpin, Belfast.	
Geo: Lang, Junr, Aprile 15th, 1701.	Jas McGregor, } Rout.	
	Rob: Hutching, } Rout.	
	Rob: Drummond, Lagan.	

This Synod appoints the Lesser Synods of Belfast & Colerain to supply the Poor & indigent resideing in their Bounds, who ever they be. Each Synod to supply their own Poor.

This Synod appoints the Br: to meet in an Interloquitur immediatly in the little House. Interloquitur appointed.

Time & Place of next Meeting.

This Synod, by plurality of Votes, agree & appoint that their next Meeting shall be at this Town, the first Wednesday of June, 1702, Sermon begiñing at 9 a Clock in the Forenoon; & also appoints the Bretheren to meet in an Interloquitur, at 5 a Clock in the Afternoon the Day before, to prepare Work for the Synod.

Interlors appointed.

Interloquiturs appointed from Time to Time by this Synod, were, whereof the first was June 4th, at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon.

In: I.

The Brethren now mett, after discoursing some Things among themselves, appointed Messrs John Gaudy, Char: Wallace, John Malcome, Jas Kirkpatrick, Wm Taylor, Wm Leech, John Thomb, Dav: Wilson, And: Ferguson, Wm Holmes, Senr, Alexr Gordon, & Geo: Lang, being two out of each Presb:, to inspect Mr Thos Crawford's Accounts about Distribution & Payment of R:D:, & report to this Synod.

Some of the Bretheren of the Presb: of Lagan now complaining that Mr Wm Gray, ordain'd Colleague to his Father, wanted his Proportion of R:D., desir'd that the same might be taken into Consideration, whereupon, after some Discourse about it, a Question was stated whether or no a superannuated Minister, geting an Assistant during his Life, shall have one Proportion of R:D: & the Assistant another; which, by Plurality of Votes, was carried in the Afirmative.

II.

June 5th. The Brethren mett in an Interloquitur at 8 a Clock this Morning, where they found the Bretheren appointed to cognosce upon the Proceedings of the new Erection at Inniskillin reading the Minutes of that Presbytry, whereupon the Brethren met in this Interloquitur took the whole Affair into their Consideration, & finding the Members of said Presb: were not all of one Mind about it, did therefore, in order to an Accommodation, appoint Messrs Thos Kennedy, Jon McBride, Pat: Dunlop & John McGauchy to go out & prepare an Overture to this Synod, that something may be determin'd concerning it this Afternoon.

III.

June 5. The Brethren meeting in an Interloquitur at 3 a Clock this Afternoon, as appointed, having considered Capel-Street Petition for an Assistant to their Minister, & likewise having hear'd Mr Fran: Iredell & John Williamson earnestly pressing the same, &, upon Inquiry, finding that they have an Eye upon Mr John Millan, a Minr now at Leyden, did, upon the whole, agree to invite Mr Millan over to this Kingdom, hearing a very Savoury Report of Him; &, to make this Practicable, appoints Mr John McBride to write over to him to that Effect, &, moreover, permits Capel-Street to write to him too, if they please.

In this Interloquitur Mr James Steuart, a Minister, & Mr Wm Tennon, a Probationer, who came both to this Kingdom from Scotland, produc'd their Testimonials, the former one, the latter 3, from three Severall Places, which were all read; &, after reading, the Brn Here met allow them as they shall find Clearness.

Mr John McBride having writ his letter to Mr Millan, read the same in this interloquitur, who unanimously approved thereof.

IV.

June 6. The Bretheren met in an Interloquitur at 7 a Clock this Morning, recommended that great Care be taken in giving Testimonials,

& that they be subscribed by the Minister when at Home, but, in Case of Absence or Vacancy, that they be subscribed by the Session or any two of them, signifying that in their Minister's Absence, or in their own Vacancy, if they have no Minister.

Overtures. Ist. Some Brethren in this Interloquitur considering the Rule made last Synod for Distribution of R:D: to Ministers' Widows & Orphans, Overtur'd, that Both the Quarter in which he dies & the Quarter Thereafter shall go to his Relict & Children as formerly, provideing the Presb: where they live certifie to the Distributor of R:D: that they should have both these Quarters; wch being considered, Reason'd, & voted, was approven. Over: I

II. Overtur'd, that each Brother in this Synod pay 5 sh: toward the defraying Expences that may happen to any Work, & that this Money may be ready as occasion requires, & a true Account be given to this Synod: The Brethren here met appoint Mr Jo: McBride to receive from the Brn of the Synod of Belfast, & Wm Leech from the Bren of the Synod of Colerain; which was considered, voted, & approven, *Nem: Contrad:* Ove: II.

III. Overtur'd, that no Minister Joyn any Party in Marraige, till the Partys be proclaim'd 3 severall Sabbaths; &, in Case the Congregation where they live be vacant, they are to be proclaim'd after the same Manner in their next Neighbouring Congregations which are planted; & for making this the more Binding, Over: III.

IV. it is overtur'd that What ever Minister transgresseth this Rule, shall be rebuk'd & suspended at the Discretion of the Presb: whereof he is a Member. Over: IV.

Memdm—these two last Overtures are to be read publickly in the Synod at their next Sederunt.

The Brethren met in an Interloquitur at 1 a Clock this Afternoon, & appointed Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Jas Bruce, Thos Orr, Jno McBride, Jo: Malcome, Jo: Frieland, Jo: Campbell, Thos Futt, Jo: Hutcheson, Alexr Gordon, Thos Kennedy, Senr, Wm Ambrose, Hugh Kirkpatrick, John Thomb, Joshua Fisher, & And: Ferguson, any 7 of them making a Quorum, to meet & sit in a Committee at Belfast, when upon Weighty Emergencys call'd by Mr McBride, to consider upon & do what may be judged needfull for the Good & Safety of this Church. June 6.

Appointed also, that a generall Fast be kept Within the Bounds of this Synod the Second Wednesday of Agust Next.

Memdm. Messrs Thos Futt, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Alexr Gordon, John McBride, & John Thomb, appointed by the last Synod to sit in a Committee at Belfast, Sat there as appointed in Febry last, and are to have their Viaticum formerly appointed to Committee-Men, according to the Rule formerly given by this Synod. Agreed that Mr Thos Crawford pay Hugh Cunningham 20 sh: for transcribing some Papers as was Desir'd by the Synod.

Memdm. In: The Close of this Interloquitur, when the Roll was call'd, Mr John Smith was absent.

A Generall Synod at Antrim, June 3d, 1702.

Sess: 1ma, *ante Merid:*

Synod Constitute.

Mr Francis Iredell, former Moder, open'd this Synod by preaching, and, after Sermon, having constituted it by Prayer, *sederunt* the Ministers & Elders from the respective Prēsbys, in Number, 89 Minrs & 58 Elders.

Modr & Clerk chosen.

The Synod being constitute, & now call'd, Mr Iredell propos'd a Leet of 13 Brethren, that one of them might be chosen to moderate this Synod, of whom Mr Mathew Haltridge was chosen by Plurality of Votes.

Next, Mr John Mairs, by Plurality of Votes, was to continue Clerk. Afterward the Synod adjourn'd till 3 a Clock this Afternoon.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

Many of the Brethren met last Night in an Interloquitur at 5 a Clock as appointed by last Synod, & Overtur'd that 10 Rules for orderly persecuting & expeding Synodical Business, which were read & consider'd among them, might be now read & consider'd, made Rules in Forces *pro futuro* in this Synod; whereupon the same were read, & are viz:—that

Rules for orderly expeding & dispatching Synodicall Busineses.

I. None speak in the Synod except to the Moder only, while any Affair is under Consideration.

II. None speak but one at once, & that when desir'd by the Moder, or Leave sought & obtain'd.

III. None interrupt another when speaking till he have done.

IV. there be no Whisperings nor private Conferrences, but that all attend the present Business in Hand.

V. No new Business be enter'd upon, untill that which is under Consideration be concluded.

VI. No Affair brought before this Synod by Commissioners be debated by Ministers till the Commissioners be sent out.

VII. All the Members of this Synod carry themselves gravely, free of Passions, without Reflections.

VIII. The Members of this Synod, in speaking to such Affairs as come before them, be as breif as may be conveniently.

IX. None of the Members depart the Synod or go out while it's Sitting, without Leave sought & obtain'd.

X. The Modr take Care that these Rules be daily observed, & reprove them that transgress them.

All which, by Appointment, were again read, and, being considered, were unanimously Approven, and were made Rules in Forse in this and all our enseuing Synods, *pro Futuro.*

Asents excus'd.

Absents from this Synod, viz.:—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Wm Read, Jas Ramsay, Adam White, Matt. Clerk, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Wm Houston,

Rob: Craighead, Neal Gray, Robert Campbell, Ja^s Alexander, Sam: Haliday, Wm Holmes, Senr, James Pringle, Thos Winsley, Thos Craighead, & Ja^s Maxwell sent Reasons for their Absence, some in Write, some by Brethren, which this Synod judged Relevant, & so excus'd them.

Severall Brethren were absent from this Interloquitur last Night, & now being requir'd for Reason of their Absence, gave some, which this Synod past by, & admonish'd them to beware of Synodicall Appointments afterwards. absents from the Interl^r admonish'd.

Overtur'd from the Brethren in the Interloquitur last Night, that this Synod appoint a Committee to sitt in their Intervalls, for making Overtures & consider what comes orderly before them; which, being read & consider'd, was approven. Accordinly, this Synod appointed Messrs Ja^s Bruce, Thos Orr, John Frieland, John McBride, John Campbell, Thos Futt, Francis Iredell, Thos Kennedy, Senr, Gideon Jackque, Jno Hutcheson, Alex^r Gordon, And: Ferguson, Joshua Fisher, Jno Abernethy, Peter Orr, together with the Moder^r & Clerk, to meet & sit in a Committee of Overtures. A Committee to sit in the Synod's Intervalls.

This Synod appoints Messrs Fulk White, John Harvey, & Jno Lee to revise the Minutes of Belfast Synod, & Messrs John Malcome, Wm Ambrose, & Henry Hamilton to revise the Minutes of Colerain Synod, & give their Remarks thereon timeously before the Synod rise. for revising Synod Books.

This Synod, reading the Minutes of the last Provincial Synod in order, found that 1st Antrim Presb: Book, before the Division of that Presb: was not compleated, only Belfast had done one Part of it, and Antrim another; therefore this Synod appoints Belfast Presb: to write out the Minutes of the first four Years & a Half, & Antrim Presb: the next four years & a half, & to get the Whole Book ready that it may be revis'd against next Gen: Synod. Antrim Presb: Book.

2^d. Mr John McBride got no Papers from Mr Alex^r Hutcheson, containing a Form of Questions to be propos'd to Intrants at their Ordinations for the Ministry, neither is there yet any Account of them; therefore this Synod appoints Mr Ja^s Bruce to inquire at Mr Hutcheson about them, &, if ready, to get them revis'd, according to Appointment of last Synod, &, if not ready, he is to desire Mr Hutcheson to get them ready so soon as he can, that they be revis'd accordingly. Questions for Ordinations.

3^d. Mr Mathew Haltridge wrote to the two Gentlemen (as appointed), to determine the Differrences betwixt Clogh & Kilreaght, but they were unwilling to meddle with it, so nothing further yet done about it; therefore, this Synod, considering more upon it, approves the Determination formerly given by the Synod of Colerain, advising both the differing Parties to acquiesce therein. Clogh & Kilreaght.

4. Both M^r McBride, as appointed, & Capel-Street, as allow'd, wrote to Leyden inviting Mr John Milling to come over to this Country, who thereupon came, &, being now present, was kindly receiv'd by this Synod. Now, further, in Pursuance of this Matter, Capel-Street, by their Comm^rs, Ja^s Kennedy, Esqr, Mr Archb^d Bayly, & Geo: Martin, Doctor of Phisick, petition'd this Synod to recommend the Call to Mr Milling, & persuad him to embrace it, & settle Him amoung them as Colleague Capel-Street.

to their Min^{r}, so soon as may be conveniently done; whereupon, this Synod, having weigh'd this Petition, appointed the Committee to sitt immediatly after their Rising, & consider upon this Matter, & give their Sentiments thereof to Morrow Morning, that it may be handled in open Synod. Likewise, this Synod appoints the said Commissioners to attend the Committee this Evening; &, moreover, appoints the said Committee to meet again to Morrow Morning at 7 a Clock, & the Whole Synod to meet at

9 *a Clock in the Forenoon.*

Quo Tempore, Sederunt qui Supra.

Capel-Street Call recommended to & embraced by Mr Milling, who is to be install'd there.

The Synod inquiring what the Committee did last Night concerning Capel-Street Business, received & read the Minute relating thereto, which is as follows, viz.:—Toutching Capel-Street Affair, this Committee, considering the Steps & Progress made in it by the last Synod here, their approving of and concurring with Capel-Street's inviteing Mr John Milling to be a Colleague to their Min^{r}, & considering their great Harmony, & Unanimity of their Call, which continues since they heard him Preach among them—finding them also willing to give him a Competent Maintenance, viz.:, 80^{lb} ℔ Annum, without any Diminution of their Promises to Mr Iredell—having seen likewise the Testimonials of his Ordination at London, and another Paper equivalent to Commendatory Testimonials from Leyden, which is all can be expected from thence—do, therefore, considering Circumstances, overture that this Synod recommend the Call to him, immediatly desiring him to embrace it, and proceed to install him Colleague to Mr Iredell in Capel-Street, so soon as may be conveniently done; which, being again read, considered & voted, was unanimously approven, & accordingly this Synod, by their Moderator, recommended the Call to Mr Milling, seriously advising him to embrace it (having had Time enough to consider upon it since the Matter was first mov'd to him), which accordingly he did, at & upon the doing whereof this Synod appointed him to reside & exercise his Ministry in Capel-Street Congregation, & now further appoints Mr Alex^{r} Sinclare to preach & install him Colleague to Mr Iredell, so soon as may be conveniently done in an Orderly Way.

Brechy & Kells.

5. At the Reading of the Minutes, Brechy & Kells, Hugh Grier, Comm^{r} from thence, presented a Petition supplicating this Synod to commiserate their Desolation, & fall upon some speedy & effectual Way for planting the Gospel among them; which this Synod referr'd to the Committee, appointing them to consider & bring an Overture about it.

6. No Account is yet giv'n of Charitys appointed by last Synod here, therefore this Synod appoints the respective Presbytrys to give a particular Account thereof, either by Discharges for Payment or present Payment this Afternoon or to Morrow.

Privy Censures.

The Severall Presbytrys kept private Cencures, except the Prēsbys of Ardmagh & Tyrone, who are now again appointed to keep them, and promise so to do.

An Account of Ministers ordain'd, Install'd, licens'd to preach, & enter'd upon Tryalls are as follows.—

1. Ordain'd—Mr Wm Smith at Ballee, Agust 1st, 1701, and M: Jas Read at Killinchy, Aprile 28th, 1702, both in the Presb: of Down; Mr John McGregor at Achadowie, June 25th, 1701, & Mr Rob: Haltridge at Finvoy, both in the Presb: of Rout.

2. Instal'd—Mr John Milling, Colleague to Mr Iredell in Capel-Street; & Mr Jas Steuart at McCasqrey, Agust 19th, 1701, in the Presb: of Rout.

3. Licens'd—Messrs John Abernethy, Junr, Thos Sterling, & Archbd Boyd, in the Presb: of Rout; as also Mr Gib: Kenned, 9ber 17th, in the Presb: of Ardmagh.

4. Entred on Tryalls for Ordination—in the Presb: of Belfast, Mr Pat: Adair; in the Presb: of Ardmagh, Mr Sam: Young; & Mr Hugh Kelso, in the Presb: of Tyrone. Moreover, there are upon Tryalls for Probation, Mr Jas Flegming, in the Presb: of Ardmagh; Mr Josias Cornwall, in the Presb: of Stone-Bridge; as also Mr Alexr Fleming, in the same Presb:

This Synod appoints the Committee to meet at 3 a Clock, & the whole Synod at 4 a Clock this Afternoon,

quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

The Committee mett as appointed, & reports that they considered Brechy & Kells, their Petitions, & were upon Overture for planting them, which was not yet Ripe for this Synod, but should within a Little be intimated to them. Committee mett.

Some Overtures being propos'd to this Synod for a New Model of Presbytrys, in Order to make Nine, that so there may be 3 Synods to sit apart, and all the 3 together once a Year, capable to recieve, judge, & determine Appeals from the Lesser Synods, & censure when they find guilty; which this Synod considering, appointed several Brethren to go out & consider that Matter, & give their Judgement upon the same so soon as they can. Overtures for a new moddel of Presb: and Synods.

In the Mean Time this Synod received the following Overtures, viz.:—that

1. No Presb: shall meet about presbyterial Business in the Synod Week, excepting only in the Intervalls of the Synod. Overtures approven.

2dly. An Ordination Day, whereon any one is to be ordain'd to the Work of the Ministry, be kept as a Fast Day both by Ministers & People in that Congregation wherein the Ordination is.

3dly. No Young Man be enter'd on Tryals for the Ministry, untill he have studyed Divinity four Years, after his Course of Philosophy. Overts approven.

4thly. The esuing Synod be open'd up at 5 a Clock in the Afternoon on Tuesday. All which, being read & considered, were approven, the first three by Plurality of Votes, & the last unanimously.

Now the Brethren appointed to consider a New Model of Presbytrys being return'd, gave their Sentiments of that Matter in these 2 following Overtures, viz.:—first,—that out of all the Parishes within the Bounds Bounds & names of ye Presbs, viz.: of Down, Belfast, Antrim Ardmagh.

of this Synod there be made Nine Presbytrys, in the Manner following, that is to say—first : the four Presbytrys of Down, Belfast, Antrim, & Ardmagh, shall continue as they are, only the last shall have Mr Colvill added unto them, & supply Kedy till planted, at which Time it shall be given to the upper Presbytry.

Cookestown.

2dly. The Presbytry of Tyrone, which mett at & about Monaghan, shall be divided into two Presbytrys, having Mr Jno Tomb added to them; whereof one shall be at Cookstown, consisting of these Congregations, viz.:—Omagh, Gowlan, Donnaghmore, Cookstown, Belly-Clugh, Benburb, Minnymore, Dawsons-Bridge, & Magheraw, whereof six at present are planted.

Stone-Bridge.

The other to meet at Stone-Bridge, about 3 miles from Clownish, consisting of the Congregations of Inniskillin, Longford, Killishandry, Clownish, Cavan, Dartry, Tully-Corbett, Monaghan, Ougher, Brechy, Aughaburgher—Kinnair'd, & Aughalow being added *Stempire*—of which at present 10 are settl'd with Ministers.

L-Derry, Colerain, Convoy.

3dly. The Presbytrys of Lagan & Rout shall be formed into 3, whereof one to sit at L-Derry, consisting of 11 Congregations, viz.:—Derry, Donagh, Bert, *Bay, Taughboyne, Donoghedy, Clandermout, Belly-Kelly, Drumnacrose, Dungiven, & Lifford, whereof the last only Vacant. Another at Colerain, consisting of 12 Congregations, viz.:—Colerain, Dunluce, Ballymoney, Ballyshean, Bellywillin, Clogh, Kilreaght, Finvoy, Kilrea, Aughadowy, McCasquy, & Drumbo, all planted with Ministers; & the 3d at Convoy, consisting of 13 Congregations, viz.:—Convoy, Donnoghmore, Ramilton, Astra, Strabane, Arney, Donneygall, Sligo, Moywater, Latterkenney, Kilmakan, Draye, & Petilloe, whereof the last 4 are Vacant at present.

3 Synods erected, viz.: Belfast, Monaghan, Lagan.

2dly. That out of these nine Presbytrys this Synod erect 3 Synods, whereof one is to consist of the Presbytrys of Down, Belfast, & Antrim, to be design'd the Synod of Belfast, & to meet sunodically there, the first Tuesday of January Next; Another, to consist of the Presbytrys of Derry, Colerain, & Convoy, to meet synodically the 1st Tuesday of Aprile next, at Colerain, under the Name of the Synod of Lagan; & the 3d to consist of the Presbytrys of Ardmagh, Cookstown, & Stone-Bridge, who are to be term'd the Synod of Monaghan, & to meet Synodically there, the first Tuesday of October next.

Minrs appointed to preach in opening them up.

Add further, for the more orderly opening up of these Synods & Presbytrys at their first Sederunts, this Synod appoints Mr Alexr Gordon to preach at the Synod of Monaghan, Mr Jas Bruce before the Synod of Belfast, & Mr Robt Campbell in opening up of the Synod of Lagan, & the Ministers of the Place where the Presbytrys meet to preach there.

Dividend of Prēsbs & Synods Approven.

Which Report & Dividend of Presbs & Synods now given, was considered in This Synod, & by Plurality of Votes approven and appointed to continue in Forse till next Synod, as overtur'd, here allowing any to whom it's gravanimous to bring their Grievances then in order to be redress'd.

Allowance granted.

And moreover this Synod allows the above Presbytrys & Synods (keeping the Times & Places before limited for their first Sederunts)

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afterwards to appoint Times & Places most convenient for their Meetings within their Bounds.

Mem^dm.—the said 3 Synods are to send correspondents to one another, & withal to give one another timous Warning of the Times & Places of their Meetings, in case they exchange the above mention'd Times & Places. Correspondts to be sent.

The Presb: of Down *complaing of the Paucity of their Members, earnestly pleaded that one Minister might be joyn'd to them, out of the Presb: of Belfast, in Lieu of Mr Colvill taken from them; which, after long & tedious Reasoning, came to this Vote, give or not; and it was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, give; whereupon, this Synod, again by Plurality of Votes, appointed Mr James Mountgomery & the Parish of Knock to joyn with them. Knock adjoyn'd to Down Presb:

This Synod appoints the Bretheren to meet in an Interloquitur to morrow at 7 a Clock, & the whole Synod at 9 a Clock in the Morning,

quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

The Brethren met at 7 a Clock this Morning in an Interloquitur as appointed, & kept Minutes of what they did, which are to be found †Page 53.

The Breth^n appointed to revise the Minutes of Belfast Synod, having revis'd them, report that they found no Material Things wrong in them, so this Synod approv'd of them; Likewise the Minutes of Colerain Synod were revis'd according to appointment, & approven. Synod Minutes approven.

The Extract of proceedings against Mr Hugh McHenry by Church Judicatories in Scotland was read in this Synod, & lodged with Mr John McBride. Mr Hugh McHenry.

This Synod taking Account of Charitys appointed by last Synod here, it was reported that Down Presb: collected for Mr Jo^n Hanbury 14^lb:, Belfast Presb: 30^lb:, & Antrim Presb: 9^lb: 18^s: 0^d:, all which was paid to Mr Thos Crawford for his Use. Rout Presb: collected for Him 7^lb: 19^s: 1^d:, which they lodged with Mr John Thompson, Merc^ht, in Colerain, to be Transmitted to the said Mr Thos Crawford. Lagan Presb: collected & pay'd for him to Mr Ja^s Kennedy, 5^lb: 13^s: 5^d:. in Arrears to the Presb:, Messrs Craighead & Sam: Henry. This Synod appoints Mr Holmes, Junr to collect the arrear due to Mr Anbury in Lagan Presb:, & to send the same to Mr Francis Iredell, in Dublin, to be pay'd to Mr Anbury. Tyrone Presb: collected & paid to Mr Ja^s Kennedy for Anbury's Use, 8^lb: 3^s: 6^d:. In Arrears in that Presb:, Messrs Pat: Dunlop, John McCaghy, Humphrey Thompson, & Dartry, who are now appointed to make their Collections, & pay the same to Mr Baptist Boyd, who is to send it to Mr Iredell, to be pay'd as aforesaid. Ardmagh Presb: Collected & paid to Mr Ja^s Kennedy 13^lb: 5^s: 4^d:. Capel-Street in Dublin Collected 15^lb:, & the rest of the Min^rs 14^l—in all, 117 : 19 : 4. Charitys given to Hanbury.

Reported also, that the Presbytrys of Down, Belfast, Antrim, & Rout, & Ardmagh have paid their Proportion of Charity to Fairise; such as are in Arrear to him are appointed to pay it to Mr Ja^s Reid, & To Fairise & McCrakan.

*[Complaining.] †[Page 60 in printed minutes.]

such as are in Arrear to Hugh M^c^Crakan, are appointed to pay it to Mr Alex^r^ M^c^Crackan, to be transmitted by him to the said Hugh.

Redemption Money to be dispos'd of for pious Uses.

Whereas there was some Money collected for redeeming one John Whitehead, Captive with the Turks, who died before the Same was sent for his Redemption, therefore, this Synod appoints each Presb: to inquire for their repective Proportions pay'd by them, that they may be refounded, and to dispose of the same for pious Uses as they shall think best.

Drenan pay'd.

Belfast Presb: report, that they paid Ja^s^ Drennan Charity as appointed.

Ja^s^ Smith & P: Allen^ss^ Case refer'd to An: Presb:

This Synod understanding the last Synod's determination concerning Ja^s^ Smith & Pat: Allan, their continuing Members of Dunnagore being very gravanimous unto them, do therefore after serious Consideration, refer their Case & the final Determination thereof to the Presb: of Antrim, with 2 Correspondents from Belfast, viz.:—Messrs M^c^Bride & Malcome.

Interlo^r^, Time & Place of next Synod.

This Synod appoints all the Breth^rn^ to meet here in an Interloquitur at 3 a Clock this Afternoon, &, by plurality of Votes, appoints the next to sit at Antrim, the 2^d^ Tuesday of July, 1703.

June 5th, 1702, at 7 a Clock in the Morning.

Complaint considered.

The Bretheren now met in an Interloquitur. Complaint was made that some Brethren wrote to the Synod of Coleraine that the Several Presbytrys of the Synod of Belfast design'd to meet with them at Colerain, the first Teusday of Aprile, to consult what was most proper to be done in this present Juncture, K: William of Precious Memory being remov'd by Death, which first Teusday of Aprile was eight Days sooner than the Time appointed by Colerain Synod for their Synodical Meeting, & thereby, in great Measure, obstructed the Meeting & Work of the Synod; whereupon, Mr Ambrose who wrote to Colerain Synod was call'd, who answered, that he was advis'd so to do by the Presb: whereof he was a Member, upon a Letter from M^r^ M^c^Bride, suggesting that it was thought adviseable by some Brethren there, that we should meet with Colerain Synod as aforesaid, &, accordingly, overtur'd our so doing if we thought fit, but, afterwards, M^r^ M^c^Bride upon the Receipt of other Letters, wrote to the Presbytrys of Ardmagh & Tyrone countermanding any such Meeting; whereupon, the Said Presbytrys went not, but had not Time to inform Colerain Breth^rn^ of the Change of their Resolution, & the Occasion of it; which the Breth^rn^ in this Interloquitur considering, & finding that the Brethr^n^ who propos'd a Meeting with Colerain Synod had very good Designs in so Doing, tho' afterwards necessarily altered by Circumstances, therefore wav'd all further Inquiry into this Matter, &, in the Mean Time, to prevent Mistakes of this Nature for the future, do judge, conclude, & determine that when any Weighty Emergency falls out afterward, no Synod shall meet, *pro Re nata*, unless call'd by the Moderator of the Gen^rl^ Synod, *pro Tempore*, with advice of some adjacent Brethren.

Rule for calling the Synod *pro Re nata.*

Mr Crawford's Accounts inspected.

The Minutes of the Interloquitur of last Synod being read, the Br^n^ appointed to inspect Mr Thos Crawford's Accounts about R:D: reported that they had done so, and were satisfied therewith.

Mr Henry Crooks complain'd that a Quar of R:D: which belonged to him & his Brother after their Father's Death, according to Rules made by this Synod for distributing of it; whereupon, the Brn in this Interloquitur, took this Matter under their Cognizance, & finding that by Advice of some Brn of the Synod of Colerain, that Mr Crawford had distributed the Quartr now sought, *in Cumulo* with other Money, among the Brn of this Synod, after Reasoning the Same, came to this Vote, grant it, or not, & it carried, by Plurality of Votes, not grant. Mr Henry Crook's Complaint.

Mr John Harvey sought & obtain'd Liberty to go Home, being unwell. Mr Harvy ꝑmitted to go Home.

June 5th, at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Brethren met in an Interloquitur appointed Mr Seth Drummond to preach next Sabbath at Colerain for Mr Abernethy. Mr Drummond to preach at Colerain.

Whereas the 5s ꝑ Brn which should have been paid to Messrs Jon McBride & Wm Leech, for defraying expence any Brother or Bretheren falls under for following his Ministerial Work, as appointed by last Synod, is not yet paid; therefore this Interloquitur renews the Appointment, requiring that it be carefully & speedily done, & further, it's now appointed & requir'd that each Person griev'd or damnified keep & give a true Bill of Costs to the Presbytrys of Antrim & Belfast. 5s ꝑ Brn to be paid to Messrs McBride & Leech.

The Rule made last Synod for thrice Proclaimation before Marraige being now read, it was suggested that Mr John Smith was married to his Wife by Mr Thos Cobham, being only twice proclaim'd before his Marraige; but Mr Cobham not being present, this Matter was deferr'd till his coming. Also, it was inform'd that Mr Jas Orr joyn'd Mr Wm Taylor & his Wife in Marraige not being orderly proclaim'd, who, being call'd, answered he had a Letter from Mr John Smith in whose Congregation they were marryed, that the Parties to be married had given up their Names to be proclaim'd, & knew Nothing to hinder their being married, whereupon, he married them; which, being considered, together with all the Circumstances of the Matter, was past, only admonish'd the Brother giving the Testimonials, to be more cautious & Particular in giving them, & to beware of violating Synodicall Rules *pro futuro.* It was also inform'd that Mr Jas Montgomery married two Persons in Bellywalter who had been only proclaim'd one Sabbath, & one Week Day there where the Woman liv'd, & not at all in Ballee where the Man liv'd; whereupon, he was call'd, who, in his *ow Vindication, told that he was invited & solicited by Mr Gaudy so to do, who told him they were proclaim'd & would warrant him so marrying them; which being hear'd both Mr Gaudy & Mr Montgomery were turn'd out, & the Brn considering this Matter, agreed to rebuke them, & admonish them to beware of the like for the Future, which was done; further concluding, that what ever Minister within this Synod transgress the Rule afterward shall be by his Presb: Suspended for a Moneth. The Rule for thrice Proclaimation before Marraige Broken.

The Fast appointed by last Synod was observ'd at the Time appointed. Fast observed.

This Interloquitur recommends it to the Brn to keep a Solemn Recommendation.

*[Own.]

Fast in their respective Congregations, so soon as the Government of this Kingdome shall appoint one.

The Min^{s} of the Committees approven.

The Minutes of the severall Committees in Belfast since last Synod were all read in this Interloquitur, & unanimously approven, which Minutes are now in the Hands of Mr John Malcome & Mr And: Crawford.

Committee's Advice for planting Brechy & Kells approven.

The Committee now giving their Judgement about planting Brechy & Kells, advise to plant them with Mr John Lee (who is declared transportable), with whom they conferr'd by a Brother upon this Matter, & in Regard that Brechy & Kells are not yet able to raise a Competent Maintenance, their Promises being only 20^{lb} for the first Year, 25^{lb} for the second, 30 for the 3^{d} Year, & so to continue till they be in Condition to augment them, therefore, the Committee further advise to give so much out of R: D: as will make a competent Stipend; which this Interloquitur having considered, approved, & accordingly appointed Mr Thos Crawford to pay Mr Lee out of R: D:, beside his own Proportion, 20^{lb} for this Year, 15^{lb} for the next, & 10^{lb} the 3^{d} Year, & so to contine unless it be diminish'd by Brechy's augmenting their Promise, concluding, that the Payment hereof shall commence from the 24th of this Present June, supposing Mr Lee's Settlement among them, in order whereto this Interloquitur appoints him to give them a visite so soon as conveniently he can, &, moreover, appoints the Presb: of *Stone-Bride to install him so soon as Possibly they can in an Orderly Way.

four Pd^{s} to be paid to M^{r} McCrakan out of R: D:

Whereas Mr Alex^{r} McCrakan laid out four Pounds for getting some Papers transcrib'd for Publick Use, at the Desire of the Presbytrys of Down & Belfast, therefore, this Interloquitur appoints Mr Thos Crawford to pay him the said 4^{lb} out of R:D:

10^{lb} to be pay'd to Mr Hook.

At the Desire of the Ministers in Dublin, this Interloquitur allows ten Pounds out of R:D: towards Mr Hook's Maintenance at Galway for this Year, whereof 5^{lb} is to be paid in December next, & the other 5^{lb} in June thereafter, 1703.

Qr: of R: D: for Pub: Uses.

The Br^{n} in this Interloquitur agree & appoint that Mr Thos Crawford Keep a Quarter R: D: in his own Hand for Publick Uses, keeping an Account of what is laid out, & then shall distribute the Remainder.

Petition referr'd.

The Br^{n} here referr Derry Loran Petition to the Presb: of Monaghan.

Com: app^{td}.

This Interloquitur appoints the Committee for Weighty Affairs necessary to be consider'd & done in Behalf of this Church, appointed by last Synod here, to continue a Committee till next Synod, any Seven of them making a Quorum, who are to meet & sit at Antrim when ever requir'd by John McBride, who is impower'd to call them as he sees needfull, having first Advice from some adjacent Brethren of Down, Belfast, or Antrim, so to do.

Recommendation.

Recommended to Br^{n} to essay what they can get in their respective Congregations toward Expences for procuring our Liberty, & appointed, that what's got by them be brought to their Severall Presbytrys, & from them transmitted to Mr Thos Crawford for publick Use, & an exact Account of all kept, & given to this Synod.

*[Stone-Bridge.]

Lastly.—Roll call'd, Prayrs said, & the Brn Dismis'd; but, Immediatly after this, the Moder, Mr John Abernethy, with some Brn of Down, Belfast, & Rout Presbytrys, understanding that Mr John McBride resolv'd to be no Ways concern'd in calling the forementioned Committee, appointed Mr Jas Kirkpatrick to joyn with the said committee as a Member, & call the same, *pro Re nata*, with Advices aforesaid, in case Mr McBride fail so to do. *Finis.*

Roll call'd

Mr Jas Kirkpatrick added to the Committee.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 1st, 1703.

Sess: prima post Merid:

Mr Matthew Haltridge, former Moderator, opened this Synod by preaching, &, after Sermon, Did constitute it by Prayer.

Sederunt the Ministers & Elders from the respective Presbytrys of this provincial Synod, as follows, viz.:—from

DOWN PRESB:

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
Thos Maxwell	
James Bruce	David Kennedy
John Gaudy	Michael Coltheart
Henry Hamilton	James Kennedy
Thos Orr	Wm Howat
Samuel Shennan	Hugh McCarmick
John Smith	Alexander Henry
Thos Jackson	James McKnaight
James Montgomery	Thos Dickson
William Smith	John Wool
James Read	George Sheilds

BELFAST MINISTERS.

Messrs:	
John Frieland	Hugh Eccles
Thos Cobham	James Hamilton
John McBride	James Arbuckle
John Malcom	John Mercer
Francis Iredell	Daniel Mills
Alexander Sinclar	
Alexr McCrackan	John Smith
Jas Ramsay	Wm Miles
Sam: Ferguson	Wm McKnaight
Edward Bailay	Rob: Chanceller
James Kirkpatrick	Mr Wm Kennedy
James Cobham	Archbald Crawford

Messrs:	Ruling Elders.
John Riddel	Thos Hunter
Patrick Adair	William McKenry
Andrew Crawford	John Campbell

ANTRIM MINRS.

Messrs:	
Mat: Haltridge	John Wylie
Thos Fut	John McCarmick
Fulk White	James Brown
Jas Scot	James Stewart
Wm Taylor	James Glasgow
Stafford Pettegrew	
Wm Leech	Rob: Boid
Wm Ogilvy	James Caldwell
Alexr Brown	Jas Blair

TYRONE MINRS.

Messrs:	
Thos Kennedy, Senr	John Hannah
John Thomb	Mr Hugh Rainey
Henry Crooks	John Bryson
James Maxwel	James Rodger
Thos Kennedy, Junr	James Stivenson
John McCleave	James Brisbin

ARDMAGH MINRS.

Messrs:	
Alexr Gordon	John Gilmore
Archbd Macclaine	Hugh Watt
Alexr Bruce	Rob: McCullogh
John Hutcheson	James Johnston
Alexr Colvill	John Hook
John Wilson	
George Lang	James McKibbin
Rob: Coltheart	
Sam: Young	Pat: Vans
Gilbert Kennedy	Alexr Chalmers

MONAGHAN MINRS.

Messrs:	
John Mairs	
Willam Ambrose	Thos Hunter
Robert *Darrgh	Alexr Cummin
Baptist Boyd	John Moor
Humphrey Thompson	John McCreigh
John Lee	John Nisbit

*[Darragh.]

COLERAIN MINRS.

Messrs:	Ruling Elders.
Peter Orr	John Grhame
James Stewart	John Mills
Mathew Clerk	Sam: Read
William Houston	Samuel Patterson
Robert Neilson	John Cally
James Woodside	John Coghran
Thos Elder	John Mackey
James McGrigor	Moses Dunlop
Rob: Haltridge	John McCala

L: DERRY MINRS.

Messrs:	
Rob: Campbell	James McCrea
Joshua Fisher	
And: Ferguson	James Porter
John Harvey	
David Wilson	
Wm Gray	John Biddell
Thos Winsly	
Hans Stewart	

CONVOY MINRS.

Messrs:	
Seth Drummond	William Scot
Samuel Haliday	Andrew Hunter
Robert Drummond	

The Synod being constitute, & Roll call'd, Mr Matt: Haltridge propos'd a Leet of the following Ministers, that one of them might be chosen to moderate this present Synod:—Messrs James Bruce, John Hutcheson, And: Ferguson, Thos Futt, William Ambrose, John Frieland, Peter Orr, Samuel Haliday, John Thomb. Mr James Bruce was chosen by Plurality of Votes. Moder chosen.

Next hereunto And: Crawford was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen to be Clerk. Clerk chosen.

The Rules, appointed to be observ'd the last Synod, & all our ensuing Synods, for the more expeditious & orderly managing Synodicall Bussiness, were now read, & the Observation thereof enjoyn'd; &, further, it is unanimously agreed, that what ever member is absent when the Roll is call'd over, shall be rebuk'd & admonish'd. The Rules to be observ'd.

This Synod appoints all the Members to meet to Morrow Morning at Seven a Clock.

Quo Tempore, Sederunt qui Supra. { after Prayer & Roll call'd — Sess: 2da June 2d.

Whereas the last Synod here appointed the then ensuing Synod to meet on the second Teusday of July, but, something extraordinary The Time of this Synod Meeting altered.

occurring, Mr John M'Bride, with Advice of the Presbytry of Belfast, wrote circular Letters to the respective Presbytrys, as also to the Moderator of this Synod, giving Reasons why it was judg'd necessary that we should meet now; in the Mean Time the Brethren are satisfied with what is done, Mr M'Bride to give his Reasons why he so writ in the Interloquitur.

Absents.

Absents from this Synod—Messrs John Campbell, Pat: Dunlop, Hugh Kelso, Thos Harvey, John Stirling, William Holmes, Junr, Samuel Henry, Jas Pringle, Thos Craighead, John McGauchy; & the following Ministers sent Reasons for their Absence, some in Write, & some by Brethren; which this Synod judged Relevant, & so excus'd them—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Wm Read, Jno Milling, Chas Wallace, Moses Cherry, Gideon Jackque, Wm Cornwall, Adam White, John Abernethy, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Rob: Craighead, Neal Gray, Wm Holmes, Senr, Jas Alexander.

Absents excus'd.

A Com: to sit in the Synod's Intervalls.

That Matters be prepar'd & brought in orderly before this Synod, & with greater Expedition, the Brethren unanimously agree that a Committee, consisting of the following Ministers—Messrs Henry Hamilton, Sam: Halliday, John Malcome, John Harvey, Archbd McClane, Mathew Clerk, John Thomb, Rob: Darragh, Wm Taylor, with the Moder & Clerk, meet & sit in the Intervalls of the Synod, for making Overtures.

Overture.

It being overtur'd by the late Synod of Belfast to this Synod, that a Competent Number of experienc'd Ministers & convenient Time be allow'd for revising Synod Books; which Overture was considered & agreed to by this Synod.

Synod Books.

For Revising Synod Books, Messrs Alexr Gordon, Thos Kennedy, Senr, John Mairs, And: Ferguson, Joshua Fisher, & Jas McGrigor, are appointed to revise the Synod Book of Belfast; Messrs John McBride, Matt: Haltridge, Fran: Iredell, Thos Orr, Wm Gray, Seth Drummond, Monaghan Book; & Messrs John Hutcheson, Wm Ambrose, Thos Futt, John Gaudy, Thos Kennedy, Junr, & Alexr McCrackan, Lagan Book; which Books are immediatly to be deliver'd the Appointed Revisers, who are to give their Remarks upon them Seasonably before this Synod rise.

Antrim Presbytry Book.

This Synod finds the Minutes of last provincial Synod as follows:—1st. Antrim Presbytry Book recommended to the Presbytrys of Belfast & Antrim to fill up, that so it may be revis'd by this Synod. Inquiry was made hereunto. Belfast reports their Proportion is almost done, & then the Book shall be given to the Presb: of Antrim to do their Part, the doing whereof is injoyn'd to those said Presbytrys, that so the Work may be done & revis'd by the next Synod of Belfast.

Ques: for Ordinations.

2d. Mr James Bruce reports that he (as appointed by the last Synod) spake to Mr Alexr Hutcheson concerning the Form of Questions to be propos'd to Intrants at their Ordinations, who told him that his Infirmity & Craziness hath been such that he could not get the Work done. Some Brethren reporting that Mr Hutcheson hath made some Progress in it, it is therefore agreed that Mr Bruce accquaint Mr Hutcheson that he proceed in doing the Rest of it, if his Health will

permitt, but, if not, that he transmitt the Papers done to Mr John McBride, who is appointed to receive them, go on with the Work, and have it ready against next Synod.

3d. Mr John Milling was install'd Colleague to Mr Iredell in Capel-Street Congregation, on June 23d, 1702, according to appointment of last Synod. Mr Milling install'd.

4th. The Presbytrys of Tyrone & Ardmagh kept private Censures, as appointed by the last Synod here. Censures.

5th. The severall Clerks are appointed to give to the Clerk of the Synod, in write, the Names of the Ministers ordain'd, install'd, Licens'd to preach, entred & to be enter'd on Tryals for Probation, in order to the Work of the Ministry. The Clerks to return the Names of ordain'd, &c.

6th. The Brethren here reported that they observed Days of ordaining a Minister a Fast Day, except the Presb: of Stone-Bridge (alias Monaghan), who, before ordaining Mr Hugh Kelso, did not give Intimation of a Fast to that Congregation in which he was to be ordain'd, whereupon the Day was not observed as a Fast. The Brn of that Presbytry being call'd, were heard. It being voted, remove them or not, it was carryed remove Ministers & Elders; which, being done, the Synod unanimously agreed that they be rebuked & exhorted, as also all the Members of this Synod were enjoyn'd to a Circumspect Observation of all Synodical Appointments. Further agreed, that Nothing on such Days be done like Feasting, either in Dinner or Supper. That Presb: being call'd, were accordingly rebukt, admonish'd, & exhorted. The Pres: of Monaghan admonish'd for not observing the Day of Ordination as a Fast Day.

7. The appointment of the last Synod, viz.:—that no Presbytrys be kept in the Synod Week, except in the Intervalls of the Synod, was observ'd & the Observation of said Appointment recommended. No Presb: kept in the Synod Week.

8. Mr James Montgomery, with the Congregation of Knock, are annex'd to Down Meeting, as appointed by the last Synod here. Mr Jas Montgomery annex'd to Down Meeting.

As touching Young Men to be enter'd on Tryals for the Work of the Ministry, that Account thereof be given to the respective Presbytrys. It was Overtur'd & agreed to by this Synod, that young Men to be enter'd on Tryalls, according to the Act made at the last Synod here, their Names be intimated to the Synod to which the Presbytrys (in whose Bounds such young men do reside) do belong, & act as they shall see Cause on Report made by said Synod. Young Men's Names to be intimated to the Synod to wch they belong.

9. As to the Model of nine Presbytrys & three Synods framed by the last Synod here, the Brethren reported that they observed the Synod's appointment in the Division, & kept Time & Place appointed for their first Sederunts & Meetings, sent Correspondents to each Other. It was recommended that they continue Correspondence that Way. But Some Brethren in the Presb: of Tyrone complaining it is burthensome to that Meeting to supply Goulan, a Congregation annex'd to them, for that apparently it will not be a Congregation to be planted, withal it is of a Considerable Distance from them—This Synod considering their Complaint, referr'd the Determination of that particular to the Synod of Monaghan at their Meeting; in the mean Time Tyrone to supply Goulan as formerly, till that Synod meet & otherwise determine. A Complaint abt Supply of Goulan referr'd to the Synod of Ardmagh to wch they belong.

Charity for Char: Aunbury.

10. As to Charity appointed to be given to Charles Aunbury, a Prisoner in France, we can have no clear Account now, because Mr Wm Holmes, Junr, who was appointed to collect from such of the Presbytry of Lagan as had not given their Share, is absent. Mr Sam: Haliday was appointed to speak to Mr Holmes to be active in geting up that Money, & transmitt it to Mr Iredell, for Char: Aconbury's Use, as was appointed by last Synod here. As also Mr Baptist Boyd, who was appointed to collect, reports that he hath receiv'd from Mr Pat: Dunlop, but not from the rest; the Care of this, & Account of how much, is recommended to him, & when receiv'd to send it to Mr Iredell, who reports there is now great probability of Mr Aconbury's obtaining Liberty to return Home, & that Mrs Aconbyry, his Wife, returns her hearty Thanks to this Synod for their Regard to her.

Charity to Wm Fairise & Hugh McCrackan.

Touching the Charity appointed to William Fairise & Hugh McCrakan, the several Clerks of the Presbytrys are appointed to make Account of what they have receiv'd, & what is got for Fairise to be pay'd to Mr James Read, who is to pay it to him, & what's got for Hugh McCrakan to be pay'd to Mr Alexr McCrakan, who is to pay it as formerly.

Redemption Money to be collected and apply'd to pious Uses.

The Brethren inquiring for the Money collected for the Redemption of John Whitehead, Captive with the Turks, who died before the same was sent for his Redemption, in whose Hand the said Money is lodg'd, & the same uplift & distribute for pious Uses—

Ardmagh Presb: reports that they have got their Proportion, which they apply'd to the End appointed by the Synod. Antrim Presbytry shew'd that what Money they gave before the Division is in the Hands of Mr John White, of Belfast, Merct. Mr John Galt, of Colerain, also reports he has some of the aforesaid Redemption Money, which this Synod desir'd him to take Care of, & pay when desir'd by the Synod. It was recommended to every Presb: of this Synod to see for their own Money so advanc'd, & be apply'd for the Presbytrys for the aforesaid Use, as the Presbytrys were when the Money was so pay'd.

Jas Smith & Pat: Dunlop.

The Meeting of Antrim report that they, with the appointed Correspondents from Belfast, did accomodate the Differrence which James Smith & Patrick Allan Had with Dunnagore; which this Synod is satisfied with.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet here in an Interloquitur immediatly, the Particulars whereof, and other Interloquiturs, are affix'd to those Synodicall Minutes. The Committee for Overtures to sitt in the little House at 3 a Clock, & Revisers of Synod Books to meet here at the same Hour, & the whole Synod to meet here precisely at 4 in the Afternoon.

Sess: 3tia.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra. { after Prayer & Roll call'd.

Overture about Convoy.

The Synod inquiring what Bussiness hath appear'd before the Committee, & what may orderly come before this Synod, the Minutes of the Committee were read, wherein Report being made by Mr Sam: Halliday, in the Name of the Presb: of Convoy, viz.:—that

the late Division of Lagan Presb: is gravanimous unto them, for that Derry Presb: hath only one vacant Congregation, & Convoy hath four or five vacant Places. Mr John Harvey, a Member of Derry Congregation, shew'd they are willing to give some Ease to Convoy by taking Latter-Kenny, a vacant Congregation, from them, as also will Supply Pittigo once in six weeks, the Consideration whereof the Committee did Overture to this Synod; which being read by this Synod, & both Presbytrys allow'd to speak, but it not appearing the two Presbytrys had deuly consider'd the Matter before, the Meeting recommends to them to consider this Night in this House, after the Synod is up, & bring in an Overture to this Synod to Morrow.

It was also Overtur'd that Derry-Loran's Supplication be read in the Synod.

Overture about Mr Abernethy's Call.

Likewise Overtur'd by said Committee to the Synod—that the Calls of Antrim & Colerain to Mr John Abernethy, Junr, & Reasons of both, were read & considered, the Affair coming in by a Referrence from the Presbytry of Antrim, & so comes orderly into this Synod; that Antrim hath been early & orderly in their Procedure with Mr Abernethy; that Antrim Presb: be appointed to proceed in settling Mr Abernethy in Antrim in an orderly Way as soon as convenient.

Mr John Abernethy, Junr, determin'd for Antrim.

Whic Overture being read here & considered, & Antrim Commrs—Capt Wm Shaw, of Bush, John McMaster, with others, being call'd, their Commission read; as also Colerain Commissioners—Mr John Galt, John Thompson, &c:, their Commission read, & Reasons for the Calls from both Congregations, with a Letter from Mr John Abernethy, Senr, shewing his Concurrence with Colerain Call to his son, Mr John Abernethy, Junr; the Commissioners being inquir'd if they had anything further to add, to which they answered they had no further than what their Reasons held out; & Mr Abernethy being interrogatted if he had any thing further to say, his Answere was, he did willingly submitt to the Synod; whereupon all concern'd were desir'd to withdraw, which being done, the Synod, again reading the Overture, & seriously considering the Reasons for these two Calls, & deliberately weing both Places & Steps made in that Affair by them, it was voted, approve the Committee's Overture or not, & the Roll being call'd, it carry'd by Plurality of Votes, approve; & so did recommend to the Meeting of Antrim to fix Mr John Abernethy, Junr, in Antrim, according to Rules, with Conveniency. The Partys being call'd, the Minute was read, & the Moderator, in name of the Synod, did exhort Colerain Commissioners to reverrence Providence in this Determination, & that God in due time will supply them.

Derry-Loran.

As to Derry-Loran Petition, which, by the last Synod here, was recommended to the Synod of Monaghan, report is made that the said Petition was accordingly consider'd by Monaghan.

The Severall Clerks return'd an Account of the Ordain'd Ministers in their respective Presbytrys, as follows:—

Ordain'd.

The Presb: of Belfast ordain'd Mr Pat: Adair in Carrickfergus, December 9th, 1702; Antrim ordain'd Mr Alexr Brown in Dunnagore, December 3d, 1702; Convoy ordain'd Mr Robert Drummond at

Kilmakrea, November 3d; Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Samuel Young in Macherawly, February 16th, 1703, & Mr Gilbert Kennedy at Donnoghclony, March 23d, 1703; Monaghan ordain'd Mr Hugh Kelso in Dartry, March 30th, 1703. Also, have licens'd Mrs Josias Cornwal & Alexr Fleming to preach the Gospel of Christ. Rout entered Messrs Thos Stirling & John Mairs on Tryalls for Ordination. Tyrone enter'd Mr Archbald Boyd on the same Tryalls. Convoy enter'd Mr Rob: Wilson, Rout Mr John Ball, Tyrone Mr John Boyd & Mr Thos Millikin, on Tryalls in order to licensing. Belfast intends to enter Mr Phillip Mairs & Mr Rob: Rainey on Tryalls in order to licensing. Down designs to enter Mr Nath: Orr & Mr Hugh Ramsay on the said Trayalls for Probation.

Licens'd. Tryalls for ordination & licensing.

to be enter'd on Tryalls.

Monaghan Book & Lagan Book revis'd.

The Revisers, Mr John McBride, &c:, of Monaghan Synod Book, report they approved the said Book, except an Overture which should be expung'd, of which this Synod advertising that Synod, they promis'd to expunge it, & were appointed so to do.

Mr Thomas Futt, &c:, who revis'd Lagan Book, report there were some Sphalmata. They were admonish'd; the rest of the Book was approven.

Mr Andrew Ferguson, &c:, the appointed Revisers of Belfast Book, is to report to morrow Morning.

Mr John Lee's Case.

The Presb: of Lagan report that Mr John Lee is install'd in Brechy & Kells, on May 12th, 1703, according to the Synod's Appointments, & that these People, notwithstanding their Promises made to the last Synod, have but very few Familys to do any Duty to purpose to a Minister, as this Synod is creddibly inform'd by brethren here; & Kells, who promis'd ten Pounds ℔ Annum, do not contribute att all, which Mr John Nisbit from these Bounds did averr; all which that Presb: representing, desir'd the Synod to consider, & propose something whereby Mr Lee & his Family may be reliev'd; which This Synod considering, appointed that Presb:, with the Assistance of Messrs John McBride, Alexr Gordon, & John Hutcheson, to meet together immediatly after Dinner, have their Sentiments on this Affair, & make Report.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to continue here in an Interloquitur, as also to meet at 7 in the Morning, & the whole Synod at 9.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra. { after Prayer & Roll call'd.

Sess: 4ta, June 3d. Belfast Book revis'd.

Mr And: Ferguson, &c:, report they have revis'd Belfast Synod Synod Book, & no material Fault found in it; that Synod, as also the other two, are enjoyn'd to write their Book Fair & without Contractions.

Mr John Gaudy, necessitated to go home, soght Leave, which was granted.

Mr Lee's Relation to be loos'd from Brechy & Kells.

The Presb: of Monaghan report that Mrs John McBride, Alexr Gordon, John Hutcheson, met with them as appointed, & again considered the State of Brechy & Kells with Mr Lee, his Circumstances there, & reported they can see no Probabilyty of Mr Lee's subsisting there,

& desire that the last Year's Promise made by Brechy be perform'd to him. The Synod considering this dolefull Relation, & severall Appointments to make farther Inquiry into this Matter, which were observed, and Nothing appearing Feasable, judge it Necessary that Mr Lee's Relation be loos'd from that people in an orderly Way, & recommend it to the severall Presbytrys to see if they have where Mr Lee may be comfortably settl'd. After reasoning whether the Synod or that Presb: shall loose him, it was carried, by plurality of Votes, that Monaghan Presb:, who install'd Mr Lee in Brechy, shall loose him from that Charge in an orderly Way, & that People have Timely Advertisement; of which Determination Mr John Nisbitt, Ruling Elder from that Place, is to aquaint that People, that they come prepar'd to the Presb: of Monaghan.

by the Presb: of Monaghan.

The Presb: of L-Derry & Convoy met for accommodating that wherein Convoy is aggriev'd because of many Vacancys, & propos'd to this Synod either that these two Presbytrys be reunited, & they will give back the three Members they had from Rout Meeting, or let L-Derry Presb: part with two of their Members, to be join'd to Convoy; but, neither of these Proposals appearing probable for obtaining the End propos'd by the present Moddel of Presbytrys made by the last Synod, the Synod judged rather that Overture made by the Committee convenient, viz:—that Derry Presb: take Latter-Kenny, a Vacant Congregation, from them, thereby they will be so far eas'd, as also supply Pittigo once in six Weeks. After reasoning *hinc inde*, they came to a Vote, approve the said Overture or not, & it was carried by plurality of Votes, approve.

Convoy's Grievance further considered.

Mr Charles Mastertown appeared before this Synod, shewing him Licens'd to preach by the Presb: of Linlithgow, in Scotland, as also another Paper, wherein it appear'd he was orderly in observing Presbyterial Appointments laid on him, & that he is of a Pious Conversation; which Certificate & paper were now also read. Also, Mr James Faith appear'd with Testimonials from the Presb: of Dalkeith, in Scotland, shewing him licensitated to preach the Gospel of Christ, & that he also is of a pious Life; which Testimonials were read & found very satisfying to this Synod, wherefore, they are allow'd to preach within the Bounds of this Synod, where they may be orderly call'd thereunto by any Presb: or Minister belonging to this Synod.

Mr Char: Mastertown & Mr James Faith allow'd to preach within the Bounds of this Synod.

Mr John Abernethy desiring by his Latter that a Minister be appointed to preach in Colerain on his Return homeward, Mr Jos: Fisher was desired so to do.

This Synod, by plurality of Votes, appoints the next Synod to meet here at Antrim, on the first Teusday of June, 1704, and that the Synod be open'd up by preaching, at 5 a Clock that Afternoon.

Time & Place of next Meet:

Interloquitur 1st, *June* 1st.

The Brethren now met in an Interloquitur. Mr John McBride was requir'd his Reason why he, with Advice of Belfast Presb:, advis'd this Synod to meet here at this Time, the former Synod having appointed the second Teusday of July. To which he answer'd that the

Mr McBride's Reasons for the Synod's Meeting now are approven.

Parliment of England & the Government here, having injoyn'd an Oath which reaches us, & the Time appointed for taking said Oath being the first of Agust at farthest, & this Synod not to meet till July, to which Time it referr'd their Meeting, there had not been sufficient Time for a due concerting so momentuous a Matter; wherefore he ,with Belfast Presb:, judg'd it adviseable that the Synod should meet Now; which Reasons now considered, were by this Interloqnitur sustain'd as relevant for the Synod's Meeting now.

Interloquitur 2d. Mr Henry Crooks his complaint about R:D:

In: 2d. Mr Henry Crooks again complaining that the Qarter of R:D: due to him and his Brother after their Father's Death, is detain'd from him; the last Interloquitur here being inform'd that by Advice of some Brethren in The Synod of Colerain, Mr Thos Crawford did distribute that Quarter, *in Cumulo*, amoung the Ministers, on which Account it did not appear then how Mr Crooks should have that Quarter, it being otherwise dispos'd of, yet he not satisfied how it was dispos'd of. The Brethren here referr the Consideration of this Matter to the Presb: of Rout or Colerain, to examine this so far as Possible it may be known, by whom & to whom it was given, & report made to next Synod.

Rule abt Marraige broken.

Complaint being made at the Interloquitur of last Synod, that Mr Thos Cobham had marryed Mr John Smith to his Wife without thrice Proclaimation, & that being an express Violation of the Synod's Act, the matter was then wav'd by Reason of Mr Cobham's Absence. He now being present, was call'd & hear'd. It appearing that he had broke the Rule, the Moderator was desir'd, in the Name of the Brethren here, to rebuke & admonish him, & that he and all others should be exhorted punctually to observe all Synodicall Appointments; which was done.

Fast observed & appointed.

This Synod appointing a Fast to be observ'd on the same Day appointed by the Government, which Fast was observ'd accordingly, do now recommend to keep a Solemn Fast in their respective Congregations, so soon as the Government of this Kingdome shall appoint one.

Interlor 3d. Complaint.

Interlor 3d. Complaint being made that Ministers give Certificats for Charity—one Paper was produc'd with the Subscription of Mr Pat: Dunlop—the further consideration of this is recommended to the Synod of Monaghan.

Mr McCrakan recd 4£.

Mr Thos Crawford being appointed to give Mr Alexr McCrackan four Pound out of R:D:, for defraying Mr McCrakan's Expence in procuring Papers of common Concernment, the said Money was accordingly pay'd to him.

10£ not paid to Mr Hook.

The ten Pound out of R:D:, promis'd for Assistance to Mr Thos Hook in Galaway, at the Instance of some Dublin Ministers, payable at two Payments, is not pay'd in Regard R:D: is not yet come.

Nothing got for procuring our Liberty from ye People.

The Brethren report they got nothing from their people in order to procuring our Liberty, discouragements being such that it was not probable any thing would be done.

Mr McBride continued to call Committes as Occasion requir'd.

The Brethren here appoint the Clerks of the Severall Presbytrys to return an account of the five shillings to be paid by every Brother, &, if paid, how laid out. 5s to be paid by every Bror.

The Minutes of what Committees call'd by Mr McBride since last Synod were now read, the last of those Committees read now being November 17, in one of which minutes there was a Committee appointed to revise Mr Thos Crawford's Account of R:D:, which Account was view'd by the said Committee, & Coppys thereof sent to the Respective Presbytrs for their Remarks thereupon, & Report to this Synod. There were something remarked, viz:—by what Commission Mr Thos Crawford pay'd Mr Sam: Martin the eight Pound as in his Account. Mr Iredell was desir'd to speak to Mr Martin, if what Expence Mr Thomb and Mr McClave were at be included in the said 8lb, & the Clerk of the Synod to speak to Mr Thos Crawford about it. Committee Minutes read.

Interloquitur 4th: This Interloquitur inquiring if all have subscribed the Formula condescended upon November 17, 1702, about R:D:, it appeared that Severall of the Presbytrys have subscribed, & who have not are enjoyn'd to do it at their first Sederunts. Interlor 4th. Formula

Mr Thos Crawford's Account of R:D: for Christmas Quarter, 1701, being deposited in his Hands, to be laid out as by order for publick Uses, being sent hither & read, there appears 70£ 12s which he has not yet disburs'd, & it's agreed that it continue in his Hands till further Order. Mr Thos Crawford's Account of R:D:

The Brethren considering Mr Lee's present Circumstances, & a promise being made of allowing him so much *anuatim* out of R:D: (as by last Synod), upon his Instalment & Continuance in Brechy & Kells, which was appointed to continue till Brechy, by their Augmentation of the Quota, should relieve us of that Charge, appoint Mr Thos Crawford to pay Mr Lee 10£ out of the above 70£ 12s 0d; as also five Pound in Mr Crawford's Hand, charg'd in his Account pay'd to Mr Lee, which Mr Lee hath not receiv'd. The Clerk was appointed to give Mr Lee an Extract of this Appointment. 10£ to be given to Mr Lee out of R:D:

It also appearing to this Interloquitur that Mr Pringle is in deplorable Circumstances as to his outward Support, the Brethren appoint Mr Thos Crawford to give him 5£ out of the above mention'd money. The Clerk was appointed to give Notice of this to Mr Thos Crawford, that he pay it to Mr Andrew Ferguson of Bert, for Mr Pringle's Use. 5£ to Mr Pringle.

Mr Francis Iredell informing the Brethren that he hath brought down the Patent for R:D:, it was agreed that he give it to Mr McBride, who is desir'd to take Care of it. Patent for R:D:

Some Brethren here inform'd that one Irwin (Licens'd to preach by the Ministers in Dublin) appears to maintain Mr Emlin's pernicious Oppinions, & Mr Iredell produc'd a Letter from Dublin to the same Effect, the Brethren appoint Mr Iredell to shew to the Ministers in Dublin, that it is our earnest Desire that they be particularly Circumspect as to young men going from the North & designing to pass Trayalls in Dublin, & see the Testimonials from the Presbytrys under whose inspection they profes'd to be. Mr Irwin.

Return of the 5s. The Return of the 5s paid by every Brother for publick Services: Several Presbytrys gave Account they receiv'd said Money, which they applyed as appointed; the Rest are enjoyn'd to do the Same.

Mr Thomb. Mr John Thomb reported that he is refounded what Charge he was at in the consistorial Courts. Mr McClave received three Shillings of what was deu to him on that Account.

Comm: appointed for emergent Affairs. This Interloquitur, considering how necessary it is that a Committee be continued for weighty Affairs to be considered & done in Behalf of this Church, & the former Members finding it gravanimous that so great a Work should ly still on them, Overtur'd that a Committee be appointed & new Members chosen; whereupon it was recommended to the several Presbytrys to consider their own Members, & name such as may deuly attend when call'd by Mr McBride, who is appointed & impow'd to call by Advice of adjacent Brethren as formerly. The Presbytrys, having consider'd, return'd the following List;—from Down, Mr John Smith; from Belfast, Mr McBride—he failing, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick; Antrim, Mr Thos Futt; Tyrone, Mr Crooks; Rout, Mr Matt: Clerk; Ardmagh, Mr Archbald McCaine; Monaghan, Mr Robert Darragh; Convoy, Mr Sam: Haliday; L-Derry, Mr John Harvey. The Brethren also appoint that the Clerk of the Synod be Clerk of the Committee & Member thereof, the Place of Meeting voted to be at Belfast.

At Belfast.

The Roll being call'd, none absent except Mr Gaudy, who got Leave.

This Interloquitur concluded with Prayer. *Finis.*

AND: CRAWFORD, Clk: Syn: Gen:

A General Synod at Antrim, June 6, 1704.

Sess: prima. *Sess.* 1*ma.*

Mr James Bruce, former Moderator Moderator, having open'd this Synod by preaching, and, after Constitution by Prayer, *sederunt* the Ministers & Elders of the respective Presbytrys within the Bounds of this Synod:—

DOWN MINISTERS.

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
Thos Maxwel	James Clugston
James Bruce	John Holland
Henry Hamilton	Hugh McGown
Thomas Orr	Alexr Porter
Samuel Shennan	Wm Reid
William Biggard	Alexr Ross
Thomas Jackson	George Ga

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
James Montgomery	Robert Smith
William Smith	John Clerk
James Reid	William Steuart
Henry Livingstone	Andrew Maxwell

BELFAST.

Messrs	
John McBride	Henry Chads
John Malcome	John Ferrys
Francis Iredell	Pat: Campbell
Alexr Sinclare	
Alexr McCrackan	John Clerk
Thomas Hook	Thomas Berry
James Kirkpatrick	John Logh
James Cobham	Gilbert Hall
Patrick Adair	Robert Crawford
Robert Sinclair	John Donnaldson
John Riddell	John Wilson

ANTRIM.

Messrs	
Mathew Haltridge	John Foster
John Campbell	John Allan
Thomas Futt	James Lorimer
Fulk White	James Brown
James Scot	William Munnel
William Taylor	Tho Bryson
Stafford Pettegrew	Thos McCully
William Leech	James Murdogh
William Ogilvy	Sam: Smily
Alexr Brown	Malcom Crawford
John Abernethy	William Neilson
Charles Mastertown	

TYRONE.

Messrs	
Thos Kennedy, Senr	John Henry
John Thomb	Hugh Rainey
Henry Crooks	David Thompson
James Maxwel	William Crawford
Thos Kennedy, Junr	John Boyd
John McClave	John Brown
Archbald Boyd	John O Cahan

ARDMAGH.

Messrs	
Alexr Gordon	John Jonston
Archd McCaine	Hugh Watt

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
John Hutcheson	
Charles Wallace	Alexr Dicky
Alexr Colvill	John Armour
Moses Cherrie	John Dicky
John Wilson	
Geo: Lang	
Sam: Young	Patrick Vans
Gilbert Kennedy	Nathanel Montgomery
James Flemming	

MONAGHAN.

Messrs	
John Mairs	Capt: Francis Wilson
Wm Ambrose	Wm Ferron
John Lee	
Wm Corwal	Thos Armstrong
Robert Darrogh	Richard Grahame
Baptist Boyd	Gilbert Watson
John McGauchy	Alex Maithland

Mr Dunlop desir'd his Name to be out after he got his Certificate.

COLERAIN.

Messrs	
Peter Orr	Robert Maglaghlin
James Stewart	Peter Fulton
Wm Houston	Hugh Reid
Robert Neilson	Neil Hamill
James Woodside	James Sutter
James McGrigor	David Millar
Robert Haltridge	Archbald Sterlin
John Mairs, Senr	
Thos Stirling	James Boyd

L:DERRY.

Messrs	
Thos Harvey	Will: Fulton
Robert Campbell	Arth: Paterson
And: Ferguson	
John Harvey	Capt: Mich: Cunningham
David Wilson	Wm Dunlop
Thos Winsley	And: Pikan
John Sterlin	Joh Allan
William Gray	Robert Moor
Hans Steuart	

CONVOY.

Messrs	
Sam: Haliday	And: Carson

Messrs Ruling Elders.

Joshua Fisher..... ... .Wm Dumbar
Wm Holmes, Senr .....
Seth Drummond .....
And: Crawford.....John Campbell

The Synod being constitute & Roll call'd, Mr James Bruce propos'd a Leet of the following Ministers, viz:—Messrs Thomas Maxwell, Alex^r Sinclare, Thos Futt, Peter Orr, And: Ferguson, Thos Harvey, Wm Holmes, Senr, Sam: Halliday, John Thomb, Wm Ambrose, Jno Hutcheson, Jno Mairs, & Alex^r Gordon, that one of them might be chosen to moderate this Present Synod. Mr Alex^r Sinclair was chosen by Plurality of Votes. Synod constitute. Moder^r &

Next hereunto And: Crawford was appointed to continue Clerk to this Synod. Clerk chosen.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet here in an Interloquitur at 7 a Clock in the Morning, & the whole Synod at 9.

N:B:—The Minutes in the several Interloquiturs (except what is Synodicall) are Inserted at the End of the Synod Minutes.

Sess: 2da, Hora 9na, Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra Sess: 2da, June 7.

after Prayer & Roll call'd.

It was consider'd in the Interloq^r, that seeing Mr Thos Hook, Minister of Francis-Street Congregation, in Dublin, is willing to be a Member of this Synod, & to be joyn'd with our Dublin Brethren to the Presbytry of Belfast, he hopes that Congregation will be subject to this Synod; they now receive the Sacrament after our way of Administration. Accordingly, his Name was inroll'd a Member of this Synod, and his Elder, Thos Berry; all which was very acceptable to this Synod. Mr Thos Hook joyn'd to this Synod.

The Former Rules for orderly expeding Bussiness having been read in the Interloq^r, the Observation of which Rules is recommended to this Synod.

Inquiry being made as to the Asents from the former Synod, their Reasons being heard, they were excus'd, except Messrs Kelso, Sam: Henry, Thos Craighead, James Pringle, who are also now absent. Absents from last Synod.

Absents from this Synod:—Messrs Humphry Thompson, Matt: Clerk, Rob: Drummond. But the following Brethren were by their Letters, & Reasons for the Absence of others, by Brethren sustain'd, were excus'd;—Messrs Alex^r Hutcheson, John Gaudy, Wm Reid, John Smith, John Frieland, Thos Cobham, John Milling, Ja^s Ramsay, Robert Coltheart, Adam White, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Robert Craighead, Neal Gray, Ja^s Alexander, Wm Holmes Junr, Thos Craighead, James Pringle, Sam: Henry, Hugh Kelso. Absents excus'd.

For Dispatch of Bussiness in this Synod, Affairs be first considered in the Interloquitur.

For revising Synod Books, Mrs Thos Kennedy, Senr, Alex^r Gordon, Peter Orr, Thos Harvey, William Ambrose, Joshua Fisher, are appointed Revising Synod Books.

to revise the Synod Book of Belfast; Messrs John Campbell, Hen: Hamilton, James Cobham, David Wilson, Wm Holmes, Senr, Robert Haltridge, Monaghan Book; and Messrs John McBride, Mathew Haltridge, Thomas Orr, Arch^{d} Macclain, James Maxwell, Lagan Book; the Clerks of the several Synods to attend Revising their respective Books.

Antrim Presbry Book fill'd up, to be revis'd.

Antrim Presb: Book (before the Division) is fill'd up, was produc'd to the Synod of Belfast (as appointed by the last Synod). That Synod appointed her several Presbytrys to revise the said Book now fill'd up, *per Vices*. That Synod is approven in what they have so done. Antrim & Belfast Presbytrys have revis'd the Book; Belfast sent it to Down Meeting, who are appointed speedily to revise it, & send it Back to Belfast Meeting.

Questions at Ordinations.

Touching Questions to be propos'd to those who are to be ordain'd, Mr James Bruce reports that he, as appointed, did acquaint Mr Alex^{r} Hutcheson with the Synod's Desire. He told him he is going on with that Form of Questions. It was again recommended to him to be communicate by Mr Bruce to dispatch so soon as may be, that when he has done it may be transmitted to the several Presbytrys, who may report with their Animadversions to this next Synod.

The Clerks of the Several Presbytrys to return to the Clerk of the Synod who ordain'd, &c:, since last Synod here. Goulan is Supply'd.

Charity to Char: Awnbury.

Inquiry being made about the Charity formerly appointed to Charles Awnbury, Mr Sam: Halliday reports he, as appointed, wrote to Mr Wm Holmes, Junr, who, being absent, nothing can be further done now. It is remitted to Convoy Presby^{ry} to make due Inquiry into that Affair, & what Money got, speedily to transmitt to Mr Iredell. Mr Baptist Boyd reports he, as appointed, did collect & transmitt to Mr Iredell, who gave him a Receipt.

To Fairise & McCrackan.

Mr James Reid & M^{r} McCrakan received the Charity for Wm Fairise and Hugh McCrakan, and paid it to to them accordingly.

Redemption Money.

As for the Redemption Money for Jno Whitehead, Captive in Turkey, now dead, Ardmagh Meeting have got their Share; Antrim & Belfast their Share. It is agreed, that what of the Money belonging to the Presbytrys of Derry & Convoy, in any Hands, be collected & paid to M^{r} Ja: Pringle, to assist him in his outward Support, his Necessity being great.

The Revisers of Synod Books to meet here at 3 a Clock, & the whole Synod at 4 *a Meridie*.

Sess. 3^{tia}.

Sess: 3^{tia}, Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra. } Roll call'd after Prayer.

Mr Lee continued in Brechy.

Monaghan expung'd the Overture. Monaaghan Presby^{ry} reports, thô this Synod appointed them to loose Mr Lee's Relation from the Congregation of Brechy & Kells, for good Reasons then appearing, yet that People, with Coronary, being brought upon some better Terms, they unanimously continued his Relation there, providing the Synod perform what they promis'd to him. Their Diligence approven; what further relates to Mr Lee referr'd to an Interloquitur.

Complaint being made by Convoy Presby^ry^, that the Presbytry of Derry have not supply'd Pittigo, as appointed by last Synod here; gave only 2 Supplys, in stead of 8, which is once in six Weeks. This the Synod appointed, & themselves promis'd. Derry being call'd, & their Reasons for this heard, it was agreed that Derry Presbytry go to the Door for their Breach of the Synod's Act. They having withdrawn, were judged censurable for Breach of the Synod's Act. They were call'd in, & accordingly were admonis'd & exhorted to be more Circumspect in observing Synodicall Appointments for the Future.

Derry Presbry rebuk't for violating ye Synod's Act.

Finding Difficulty in supplying that Place of Pittigo, it is agreed that Convoy & Cookstown Presbytrys bring an Overture to this Synod how Pittigo shall be provided, if it can be joyn'd with Goulan; Mr John M^c^Gauchy to joyn with these Presbytrys.

Br^n^ apt^d^ to bring an Over: about Pittigo.

Mr Fisher supply'd Colerain as appointed.

Mr Wm Holmes, Senr, &c:, appointed to revise Monaghan Book, report they approved the said Book.

Synod Books revis'd & Report made.

Mr Alex^r^ Gordon, &c:, revis'd Belfast Book, & report they found Contractions which ought not to be in a Record, also some other Lapses. The Rest of the Book was approven.

M^r^ M^c^Bride, &c:, revis'd Lagan Book, & report the Synod was opned without Preaching. The Reason of this being inquir'd, it was answer'd by some of that Synod, the former Moderator of that Synod fell sick on his Way thither, the Surprisal was such that it could not be perform'd. The Book was approven.

Major Thos Handcock presented a Supplication to this Synod for procuring a Minister of Christ to Athlone, he having a Commission from that People to act in that Affair, as also Letters from Mr Boyse, a Minister in Dublin; which Commission and Letters were read, by which Letters it Appears it is with Allowance of the Ministers in Dublin, that People repair to this Synod, & referrs what further to our Dublin Brethren now present—Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclair, & Mr Hook (whom we consulted in that Affair). The Major propos'd what is the Maintenance there to a Minister, & that Provision shall be made to such as supply them till they get a fix'd Minister of their own. He urg'd that who is sent be fit for such a Place. All which being consider'd, it was agreed that every Presbytry think of this Desire, & prepare an Overture to be communicate to the Interloquitur, which is to meet at 7 in the Morning, & whole Synod at 9.

Athlone Suplication for a Minister.

Interloq^r^: I^st^. (Roll call'd after Prayer.) June 8th.

The Several Presbytrys being requir'd what is their Overture concerning Athlone to this Interloq^r^, the Presbytrys considered that Affair, & Overture, that the Congregation of Athlone, so presented by Major Handcock, with allowance of Dublin Ministers, be taken into this Synod's Care, for what yet appears, and that this Synod Supply that Congregation a Year *per Vices*. In the Mean Time, that we be inform'd that the Place have satisfied those who have formerly labour'd amoung them. What further referr'd to the Synod.

Overture about Athlone.

Mr McGrigor's Bussiness come into the Synod.

The Presbytry of Colerain, by their Moderator, Mr Robt Haltridge, did shew to this Interloquitur that an Affair was referr'd by that Presbytry to this Synod, viz:—Mr James McGrigor, Minr at Awghadoway, in the County of Derry, was charg'd with Drunkeness on the Thursday after the late Synod at Colerain, which was reported by Persons worthy & judicious by Repute. That Modr being requir'd to give a Narrative of that Matter, which he did, Mr McGrigor being call'd, offerred Evidence, some present, others by Subscription, & some sworn before the Civil Magistrate, that he was sober at the Time when he was alledg'd to be drunk. That Presbyry's Minutes relating to that particular were read, as also the Testimony of John Love & many others, with their Subscriptions for Proof of the Charge, in which it appears some assert they heard he was drunk; some that he was drunk or sick by his Carraige; some believ'd he was drunk, offering presumptuous Circumstances for Confirmation of what they affirm'd, as conversing with those of no good Character, in too many Companys. Mr McGrigor in his Defence produc'd many Papers, many subscrib'd, some sworn. He acknowledged on that thursday Morning he had taken some Canns of Ale, less might have serv'd, yet was not drunk, went to his Lodging that Day, convers'd with some by the Way, who could not perceive him drunk; all which being ponder'd by this Interloquitur, it was agreed that Affair come before the Synod.

Mr Dunlop desires to demitt his Charge at Clownis.

The Presbytry of Monaghan referrs to this Interloquitur that Mr Pat: Dunlop, who was fix'd Minister at Clownis, hath desisted from preaching to his People, or any where, as they hear, since Agust last; has not been so obsequious to pesbyterial Appointments as necessary. That Meeting was heard, & their Minutes, as also the Minutes of their Synod to which that Affair was referr'd, were heard; by all which it appears that Affair comes orderly into this Interloquitur. Mr Dunlop being call'd, was Allow'd fully to speak, & did shew that the great Indisposition of his body, with other Grievances, occasion'd his not preaching & absence from that People. He was appointed to withdraw till what has been heard be consider'd. Mr McBride, Mr Iredell, & Mr John Hutcheson, were appointed to go out & speak to Mr Dunlop as to his Purpose. These Brern returning, report, he earnestly desires to demit that Charge he has at Clownis Congregation, & subscribe it; which Demission, being considered and approven, shall be read in the Synod.

Janry the 8th.

Sess: 4ta, Hora 9na, Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra.

(Roll call'd after Prayer).

Athlone Affair.

What was Overtur'd by the Presbytrys relating to Athlone Congregation, & consider'd by the Interloqr, was now read in the Synod to Major Handcock, Commr from that Congregation. He thankfully receiv'd our kind Resolution. The Synod next considered how Athlone is to be supply'd, & concluded in the Manner following:—The Presbytrys of Down to supply that Congregation for the Moneth of July Next; Belfast for the Moneth of Agust; Antrim the Moneth of September; Tyrone the Moneth of October; Ardmagh the Moneth of

March; Monaghan the Moneth of November, December, Janry, & Febry; Coleraine the Moneth of Aprile; Derry the Moneth of May; Convoy, June in 1705: each of these Presbytrys are requir'd to supply Athlone Congregation in their Moneth as here appointed; the Coppy of this Minute to be given to Mr Handcock, which was done by the Clerk as appointed.

Mr McGrigor admonsh'd to be more circumspect.

The Affair about Mr McGrigor being resum'd in this Synod, & all Papers read being seriously consider'd, & every one concern'd allow'd to speak, that Presbytry particularly being spoken to if they had any thing further to add, whereby to fix Guilt on Mr McGrigor, nothing further was added. Then all concern'd were appointed to remove. Thereafter the Synod, on mature Deliberation, came to this Question, whether, from what has been heard on the Whole by both Partyes, the Lybell or Accusation against Mr McGrigor be proven or not? It was voted & carried, by Plurality, not proven. Notwithstanding, the Synod unanimously agreed to admonish Mr McGrigor of his Uncircumspectness, & exhorted to be watchfull in what ever Company he converses to do Nothing which may Occasion such Aspersions to be cast on Him for the future. Partys being call'd in, he was accordingly admonish'd & exhorted; which he receiv'd suitably, & promis'd to study a more circumspect Walk.

Mr Dunlop desir'd a Certificat, which was granted.

Mr Dunlop produc'd his Demission of his Charge at Clownis, or Stone-Bridge, subscribed by himself; which being read in this Synod, it was voted, accept said Demission or not? It was carryed accept. He return'd that Congregation's Call to this Synod, which Call was given to the Meeting of Monaghan. That Meeting was enjoyn'd to see what Arrears due by that People to Him, so that he may get the Arrears. He desir'd a Certificat from this Synod. Mr McBride, Mr Iredell, & Mr John Mairs, were appointed to go out & draw it; which was done, read & approven, transcrib'd by the Clerk, subscrib'd by Moderator & Clerk, & given to him.

Derry supply Convoy Congregaōn.

Convoy & Cookstown Presbytrys (Mr McGaughy being with them) report they do not find it practicable to unite these Congregations of Goulan & Pittigo; therefore, overture that Derry Presbytry give Supplys to Pittigo, as formerly appointed by this Synod. Derry reply'd that Congregation of Pittigo doth not belong to them, it being under the Inspection of Convoy Presbytry; they already took Latterkenny from them, and gave some Supplys to Pittigo; it is burthensome to them, having Vacancys of their own, & some of them to be supply'd every Lord's Day, for which Reasons Derry Supplicats this Synod may releive them from the said Appointment. Convoy urg'd the Continuance of said Appointment laid on Derry to supply Pittigo. Both Presbytrys being heard, the Synod considered the Whole, & came to this Vote, whether Derry Presb: supply Convoy, Darg, or Pittigo. It was carry'd, by Plurality of Votes, that Derry supply Convoy once in six Weeks, till next Synod here.

Kirkdonnell to be planted by Belfast.

Kirkdonnell Congregation, coming in by a Reference of Belfast Synod to this Synod, the Matter being heard viz:—That People give Account to this Synod what Length they have come in providing a Settlement for a Gospel Minister amoung them, if they expect to be

continued a Congregation; John McKitrick, Comm^r from thence, reports as formerly to the Synod of Belfast, they will give twenty Pounds in Money, and twenty Bolls of Oats Yearly to a Minister, but can't obtain a Farm. The Comm^r promis'd to get one against Allsaints next; which Report being consider'd, it is agreed that they be continued a Congregation, & be planted by the Presbytry of Belfast with Conveniency, that people performing what here promis'd.

The severall Clerks returned the Names of their ordain'd, licens'd, &c:, Since the last Synod.

Ordain'd.

Antrim ordain'd Mr John Abernethy at Antrim, Agust 18th, 1703, & Mr Charles Mastertown at Connor, May 17th, 1704.

Belfast ordain'd Mr Robert Sinclair at Islandmagee, May 10th, 1704.

Ardmagh ordain'd Mr James Fleming at Lurgan, Jan^ry 18, 1703, and enter'd Mr James Johnston on Tryalls.

Down ordain'd Mr Hen: Livingston at Bellynahinch, Aprile 16, 1704; Install'd Mr Wm Biggar at Bangor, March 1st, 1703-4.

Tyrone ordain'd Mr Arch^d Boyd at Macheraw, October 28th, 1703.

Colerain ordain'd Mr Thos Sterlin at Derrykigah, June 22^d, 1703, & Mr John Mairs at Romoan, May 24th, 1704; licens'd, Mr John Ball.

Licens'd.

Belfast licens'd Mr Philip Mairs to preach the Gospel, & entred Mr Robert Rainey on Tryals. To enter, Mr Char: Seaton.

Convoy licens'd Mr Robert Wilson.

Derry licens'd Mr Thos Harvey, Junr. To enter on Trayalls, Mr Craighead, Junr.

Tyrone licens'd Mr John Boyd & Mr Thos Millikin. To enter on Tryalls, Mr Henry Neil.

Down hath enter'd on Tryalls, Mrs Nath: Orr, Hugh Ramsey, & Rob: Paterson. To enter, Messrs Arch^d Dixon, Robert Walker, Robt Lang, Wm Bell.

Antrim to enter Mr Thos Gowan on Tryalls.

Dead.

Mr Edward Bayly died June 27, 1703. Mr Sam: Ferguson died Novemb^r 21st, 1703. Mr John Abernethy died November 14th, 1703. Mr Alex^r Bruce died Aprile 16th, 1704.

The Brethren to continue here in an Interloq^r, & the whole Synod to meet at 3 *a Meridie*.

Interloq^r 2^d.

M^r McCrackan & Mr Malcome.

The Presbytry of Belfast brought in by Refer to this Interloq^r a Case depending between M^r McCrakan, Mr Malcome, & the Session of Lisburn. The Minutes of that Presbytry relating to that Affair were read, whereby we find it comes in orderly. These two Ministers being call'd, and inquir'd if it were most expedient that Bussiness were taken away by a select Committee, they answer'd the Publickness of the thing requir'd it's publick Hearing in the Synod. The Accusations given in ag^st Mr Malcome, sign'd by M^r McCrakan, were read, as also

Mr Malcome's Defence was read. This Interloqr Agrees this Affair be discuss'd in the Synod. Therein is the transcript of Material Papers.

An Act made in the Interloquitur of Belfast & Monaghan Synods for preventing Division in this Church, by Reason of Difference in Judgement & Practice amoung Brethren, was read in this Interloqr; which Act this Interloqr well approv'd, & unanimously agreed that any Brother of this Synod transgressing Said Act (writt at Length below) shall be proceeded against according to Church Rules, which Act is to be read in the Synod in order to its being a Synodical Act. Resolution about an Act to prevent Division

Sessio: 5ta, quo Tempore

Sederunt qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Mr Sinclair, the Moderator, under a Necessity to go Home, obtain'd Leave. Mr Bruce, former Moderator, moderates.

The forementioned Act as follows:—

This Synod, taking into their serious Consideration the great Danger this Church seems to be in at present, of Division by Reason of some Difference in Judgement & Practice of some Ministers of the Church, do, for preventing the bad Effects that may follow upon Division, unanimously appoint & require all the Members of this Synod to studdy brotherly Love amoung themselves, & all Mutual Forbearance one toward another, carefully avoiding all Misrepresentations of, or Reflections one upon another, either publicly from their Pulpits or privatly in their Conferrences one with another, or in their Practiseings amoung their People, or writeing to the prejudice of one another; & that every Minister to whose Knowledge any transgression of this Act shall come, shall forthwith faithfully & impartially delate the Offender to the Presbytry whereof he is a Member, who, upon his Conviction, shall punish him suitable to the Demerit of his Offence, according to known Church Censures of Admonition, Rebuke, Suspension, or Deposition, as the Presbytry shall think fitt: which being read, was voted & unanimously approven. Act for preventing Division.

The Synod next came to consider the Affair of Mr Malcome, Mr McCrakan & the Session of Lisburn, which the Interloqr agreed to have discus'd publickly. Mr McCrackan signify'd Mr Malcome had writt a Letter to Mr James Kirkpatrick in Agust last, wherein he apprehends he was meant, which Letter being produc'd by Mr Kirkpatrick, is as follows:—

DUNMURRY, *Agust* 13, 1703.

R: D: B:,

I have Information from several Hands that the Poursuivants are expected daily, that they may take our Brethren, which they themselves know. If it were possible for us to give them Advice I would be ready to joyn. I hope Mr Upton will willingly tell them what he can. I wish God prevent our Fears; but I am daily more & more afraid of a Shism, especially when some of them have spent most of a Sabbath's Day about Oaths, & tell the People of Sinfull Oaths going through the Mr Malcome's Letter to Mr James Kirkpatrick.

Country. I was very free with the Meeting, in begging of them that all of us should beware of any thing that may reflect on either Party. All profest well, I wish we all do so. The Lord be with you.

JOHN MALCOME.

Belfast Minutes treating of that Affair were call'd for & read, & we find that Affair comes in orderly (that Presb^ry not being able to accommodate that Bussiness). M^r McCrackan produc'd a Libell containing 5 artickls against Mr Malcome, which are as follows :—

M^r McCrackan's Artickles against Mr Malcom.

1st. Mr Malcome was pleas'd to say you of Lisburn are a pretty Parcel of People, for such a caballing of you in conveying your Minister to Scotland, which was the worst Sight ever the Ministry of the North of Ireland saw. 2^d. This was much like what M^r McCrackan preach'd on the Thursday before the Communion at Lisburn, upon John 11. 56; what he inferr'd from the Text was a Parcel of Stuff & Lies, which the Text did not bear. 3^d. If your Minister & Session will not let me alone, I'll Make you black. 4. That he would unminister & unpeople us. 5. That M^r McCrackan & Mr Wm Rothwell should have spoken Lies of him amoung his People, & that he bad Hugh Hamilton delate them to Lisburn Session, the which Artickles were subscribed by M^r McCrakan; as also that M^r McBride told M^r McCrakan that Mr Malcom said to him that M^r McCrakan was the Person meant in the above Letter to Mr Kirkpatrick, relating to preaching about Oaths. Sam: Herron, Jo^n Charles, Daniel Kinly, & John McKnaight, all of Lisburn Session, depos'd upon Oath before Arth: Upton, Esqr, in the County of Antrim, which Depositions were read as Evidences to prove the Said Libell. M^r McBride was inquir'd if Mr Malcom told him he meant M^r McCrackan in the Aforesaid Letter, to which he answer'd Mr Malcom said so to him, or to that Purpose, & that Mr Arthur Maxwell was Mr Malcom's Author. M^r McCrackan being hear'd, Mr Malcom was call'd, who said he told not to M^r McBride he meant M^r McCrakan, but M^r McBride might possibly draw that Consequence from their Conference. A Paper containing Mr Malcom's Defence against what was libell'd against him, consisting of 8 Particulars, which Defence & foresaid Artickles were lodged in the Minutes of Belfast Pres^bry.

Affidavits for proving said Libell.

Mr Malcom call'd.

I. Mr Malcom's Defence.

1st. Some Part of the present Libell was discus'd in January Meeting, where a friendly Accommodation was profest, no Provocation since given by me.

II. 2. That Practice is unprecedented to take Witnesses before the civil Magistrate, where they made Oath, which much reflects on the Presbytry.

III. 3. That Brother McCrackan, in all his Accusations against me, doth not take Christ's Way. If thy Brother trespass against thee, &c., thô he was enjoyn'd thereunto in January & March Meetings.

IV. 4. His Accusations seem to be from a rooted Prejudice, raking up old things bury'd relating to the Steuarts. His frowning Countenance, with Shaking his head at me, confirms me in the Beleif of it ; also his Assistant, Mr Daniel Kinly, carryed very Warmly, for which I appeal to the Presbytry.

5. Daniel Kinly can be no Witness against me in this Matter, for at last Meeting he stood up as mine Accuser. V.

6. That Sam: Herron said he never heard Mr Malcome speak such Words against Mr McCrackan, that he preached Stuff or Lies. For Proof of this refers to John Fairise, of Dunmurry, who being call'd said Sam: Herron said so to him; & Mr Arth: Maxwell being askt what he knew of this Matter answer'd, when Sam: Herron & John Charters came to him to make Oath, he advis'd them to go to their own Presbytry, who well knew how to do their own Work, yet they urg'd that he would take their Oath. He reply'd, why so pressing? They said if they did not they would be expell'd the Session, if they did not proceed in this Bussiness; he also asserted the same thing with John Fairise about Sam: Herron. VI.

7. That Lisburn Session cannot be allow'd a Witness against me, because they have unjust Apprehenshions of me in the Matter of the Steuarts (in which I acted jointly with the Presbytry), & oppos'd a Part of Glenavy Congregation joyning with Lisburn. For this he referrs to John Fairise, who owns that he was told the Ground of their Prejudice was these Things. VII.

8. That Mr Sam: Herron nor John Charters can be no Witness in this Matter, because they said they were forc'd by the Session to swear; if treu, can't be Witnesses, because not *sui Juris*; if they were not forc'd not to be admitted, because not credible in saying they were forc'd if it was not so. These being read & heard, Mr Malcom was requir'd to give a particular Answere to every of the Accusations. VIII.

To the first, that ye are a pretty Parcel of People in so caballing, &c., he answers—he said ye two are pretty fellows, who would not take Advice from your Minister & others, advising you to return Home; it made a greater Noise than any Retinue Presbyterian Ministers have had. I. Mr Malcom's Answere to the particular Accusation.

To the second, that he said Mr McCrackan preached Stuff or Lies, he utterly denies to have said these Words. II.

To the 3d, about making them black, he said to Sam: Herron— Sam:, if you don't let me alone, I'll make yo black. III.

To the 4th, he absolutely denys that he said he would unminister or unpeople ym. IV.

To the 5th, appointing Hugh Hamilton to delate Mr McCrackan to the Session of Lisburn, & Wm Rothwell about his telling Lies of him amoung his People, he denys that he bad Hugh Hamilton delate them, but when going to Mayro he told said Hugh Hamilton, if he were so toss'd by that People he would take another Course with them. Hugh Hamilton inquir'd whom he meant; he said Mr McCrackan & Wm Rothwell. V.

About his telling Mr McBride that Mr McCrackan was meant in the aforesaid Letter, it was answer'd before. Then he answer'd the several Articles particularly.

Mr McCrackan answer'd those Defences, as he did not libell Mr Malcom, as is asserted; that he took an Irregular Way in going with Mr McCrackan's Answer to the Defences.

The Presb: of Belfast heard.

his Witnesses to the civil Magistrate. This he did because his Witnesses were not allow'd a Hearing before his Presbytry. The then Moderator of Belfast was call'd to shew a Reason why Mr McCrackan's Witnesses were not heard. Mr James Kirkpatrick, then Modr of the Presbytry, did shew that an Amicable End being apparently put to that Affair between Mr McCrackan & Mr Malcome in January last, yet Mr McCrackan brought in four Artickles as before mention'd. These too were read, two of them having been discus'd at the former Accomodation, so no need of Witnesses; the other two were new. Mr McCrackan (thô appointed by his Presbytry), as also Mr Malcome, to speak privatly to each other, before publick Libelling or tabling, which Mr McCrackan did not observe, therefore no Room for taking Witnesses, the Matter not being ripe for the Presbytry by want of that appointed private Communing. Mr McCrackan own'd Hugh Hamilton told him Mr Malcom bad him delate Mr McCrackan & Wm Rothwell to the Session of Lisburn. The Minutes of Lisburn Session, relative to this Affair, were read, also a Paper subscrib'd by John Charters, excepting against Mr Malcom's Vindication.

Lisburn Session Minutes read.

All Partys, having been heard fully, were remov'd. The Synod then enter'd on the Consideration of what has been heard from both Partys, &, after long reasoning, the Libell, with the Deposition of the Witnesses, & Mr Malcom's Vindication being again read, the first thing done was:—shall the State of the Question be whether the Libell has been proven or not?—censurable or not censurable? It was carry'd in the Affirmative, that the state of the Question be, proven or not? It was again voted whether the Libell against Mr Malcom be proven fully, in Part, or neither. It was carry'd by Many Votes, prov'n in Part. It was further voted, rebuke or suspend Mr Malcom for his so dipping in this Matter, & tampering with Lisburn Session. It was carry'd unanimously, rebuke; & again, we came to consider what to do with Mr McCrackan for his neglecting to speak privatly to Mr Malcom, as appointed so to do by his Presbytry, as also for not takeing a more private Way for ending this Matter, as his Presbry propos'd. It was voted, admonish him or not? It was carry'd, by Plurality of Votes, admonish.

Mr Malcom rebuk'd.

Mr McCrackan admonish'd.

Lisburn Session exhorted.

Next it was considered what to do with the Session of Lisburn, so urging for an Answer to their Petition given in to the Presbytry of Belfast. It was carry'd, said Session desist from any further prosecuting said Petition about Mr Malcom in the Presbytry of Belfast, and that they be exhorted to entertain Wm Rothwell as one free of that Scandal.

A Certification.

The Synod further agreed, that if either of these Ministers shall carry unsuitably to each other hereafter, the Aggressor shall be proceeded against according to the Nature of the Fact. The Moderator was desir'd to call all Partys & deliver the Synod's Conclusion as to all these Things. They being call'd in, were rebuk't, admonish'd, & exhorted, as appointed. These Brethren were requir'd to give a Symbol of their Reconciliation & Resolution to live affectionately by joyning Hands, *Coram*, which was done; also Lisburn & Dunmurry were exhorted to mutual Peace, so this Matter was concluded.

All joyn'd Hands.

This Synod appoints all the Brethren to meet in an Interloqr at 7 in the Morning, & the whole Synod at 9.

Sess: 6ta, quo Tempore June 9th.

Sederunt qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

John Shennan, of Tandro-gee, preferr'd a Petition in his own Name & Name of others, who have lately sustain'd great Loss by Fire, for Relief from this Synod. It was agreed to accept said Petition, and that every Congregation within this Synod give a Sabbath's Day's Collection—Intimation to be given the Sabbath before—which money to be collected by the several Presbytrys, & transmitted with the first Conveniency to the Meeting of Ardmagh, who are appointed, with the Concurrence of Mr McBride, to transmitt it to the Petitioners. Every Presbytry to do this *primo quoque Tempore.* Collection for distrest by Fier.

Having gone through our Synod Bussiness, the Synod Minutes were read and approven.

It was voted that Time and Place of next Synod be on the first Tuesday of June next, at Antrim, Sermon to begin at 5 a Clock that Afternoon. So concluded with Prayer. Time & Place of next Synod, & Synod's Minutes approven.

Interloqr.

The Minutes of the Last Synod's Interloquitur are as follows :—

I. As to Mr Henry Crooks his Complaint about the Quarter of R:D: detain'd from him, that Affair having been referr'd to the Presbytry of Coleraine, who now report they took Cognisance thereof, & with good ground find it distribute *in Cumulo* by Thos Crawford, appointed so to do; yet this not satisfying, it was voted this Affair be resum'd. For Light herein Mr McBride, Mr Mairs, Mr James Kirkpatrick, with Mr Abernethy, are appointed to bring an Overture thereanent. Mr Crookses Quarter of R:D:

II. The Rule for thrice Proclaimation before Marraige hath been observ'd, the constant Observation thereof recommended. Rule for Proclaiãon observ'd.

III. If the Government appoint a Fast, it is to be observ'd ; what further of This to be consider'd afterwards. Fast.

IV. The ten Pounds appointed to be paid by Thos Crawford at the Instance of Dublin Ministers to Mr Thos Hook, then Minister in Gallway, was paid; which Mr Hook now acknowledges. £10 for Mr Hook.

V. Mr Iredell, as appointed, spake to Mr Sam: Martin whether what Charge Mr Thomb & Mr McClave were at he included in Mr Martin's Bill ; also the Clerk spake to Mr Thos Crawford. That Matter not yet being fully clear, the Clerk is appointed to get from his Brother Mr Martin's Account, and send Coppys thereof to the several Presbytrys. Mr Sam: Martin's Bill.

VI. Inquiry being made about subscribing the Formula about the Matter of R:D:, Report is made that most have subscribed It. Who have not are appointed to do it *primo quoque Tempore.* Formula Subscrib'd

Mr Lee receiv'd 10lb: out of R: D:

VII. Mr John Lee received the appointed 10£ from Mr Thos Crawford out of the Ballance of Christmas Quarter R:D:, 1703, for publick Services, as also the five Pound formerly dew to him.

Money for Mr Pringle.

VIII. As to the 5£ appointed for Mr James Pringle, payable by Mr Thos Crawford to Mr Andrew Ferguson for his Use, is not paid. This is again recommended to Mr Thos Crawford to do it speedily. Brethren here shewing Mr Pringle's Case to be very deplorable, earnestly press'd that he may have 5£ Pounds out of R:D: for this ensewing Year for his Assistance. It was agreed that 5£ be given him out of the aforesaid 70£ 12s by Thos Crawford, as also the formerly appointed 5£, both Sums to be given to Mr Halliday for Mr Pringle's Use, the Clerk to write an Order to Thos Crawford.

Mr Irwin.

IX. Mr Iredell observ'd the Appointment about Irwin. He reports he is laid aside.

5 Sh:

X. As to the five Shillings appointed for publick Services, all have paid it.

A Case.

The Meeting of Antrim propos'd a Case—one Samuell Martin, guilty of Burglary, whereof he is convicted; he is willing to make publick Acknowledgement of his Sin, yet will accuse those whom the common Law hath acquitt; he is under an Inditement; would have his Child baptis'd, thô, as the Case stands, he cannot present it. This Interloqr advises that Meeting to wait 'till they see what the Law doth.

Mr Lee. Glenarm.

They also propos'd their Difficulty in the Matter of Mr Lee & the Congregation of Glenarm. This Affair was referr'd to the Consideration of Mr McBride, Mr Bruce, Mr Thos Futt, Mr Thos Orr, Mr James Kirkpatrick, with Mr Pettegrew, Antrim, Clerk; who are appointed to consider & report to the Interl: Glenarm Commissioners to attend the Committee.

Fast appointed.

The Consideration of the Fast formerly spoken of. We agree if the Government appoint not a Fast, the Synod will appoint one to be observ'd; as also that of the Government shall be observ'd, when appointed. We therefore appoint the second Wednesday of Agust next to be observ'd a Fast Day, if the Government appoint not one before that Time. Of if that Fast fall out nigh that Time, our appointment drops.

Mr Crook's Qr of R:D:

Inquiry being made of the Committee appointed to bring an Overture about Mr Crook's Quarter of R:D:, they report that they find it distribute *in Cumulo* by Thos Crawford. We conclude that if Thos Crawford do not instruct said Quarter is Distribute *in Cumulo*, he shall refound it to the Synod.

Glenarm to pay to Mr John Lee 40£.

The Committee (to whom Mr Iredell was joyn'd, in Place of Mr Bruce, who now moderates) about Mr Lee & Glenarm, report Glenarm has taken a very unfair Way to pay Mr Lee's Arrears, by such extravagant Charge for plowing. Overture that People shall pay Mr Lee 40£, for which they shall give their Bond to the Presbytry of Antrim, who are to allow them some Time to pay it, & supply them with preaching as they can; that the People know how kindly they have been us'd; but if they do not pay the said Money, the Presbytry to do what is ordinary in that Case, when a People, thô able, yet not

willing to support the Gospell: with which Overture this Interloqr agrees. Capt: Francis Wilson & Lieut Hall, two Ruling Elders, were joyn'd to that Committee.

Thos Craford to pay Mr Lee 15£.

Also what relates to Mr Lee, now in Brechy, being referr'd to this Interloqr, it is agreed that ten Pounds be paid to Mr Lee out of R:D: for this Year, for his Support amoung them, who are not yet able to support him, and that the 15£ promis'd to him for last Year be now paid to him by Thomas Crawford, the Clerk to give his Brother an Order for this, as also to shew that Mr Drumond was ordain'd at Alsts, 1702; that he have the Michaelmas Quarter now dew to him, which, with the 15£ to Mr Lee, to be paid out of the above 70lb: 12s: 0d:

A Qr to Mr Drummond.

Com: for emergent Affairs.

It was inquir'd about the last Synod's Committee for emergent Affairs, if that Committee was call'd & met. It appears that Committee did not meet. It was further inquir'd if any other Committee or Meeting of Ministers mett about the Affairs of this Church, & *quo Jure* they mett. It appears there were Ministers mett at Antrim, occasion'd by an Overture from the Presbytrys of Belfast & Antrim; which being reason'd, it was voted—wave the Consideration of & Reading Papers of these Meetings or not? It carry'd by Plurality of Votes, Wave; as also what past at the General Meeting of Ministers at Antrim, December 8th, 1703, relating thereunto.

A fix'd Com: appointed.

Thereafter we considered of a fix'd Committee for weighty Affairs till next Synod in Behalf of this Church. It was voted—chuse the Members now, or referr to the severall Presbytrys at Home. It was carry'd by Plurality of Votes—chuse two now out of every Presbytry, every Presbytry chuse their own Members, which was done. Report was made as follows:—from Down, Messrs James Bruce, Thos Orr; Belfast, Messrs Jon McBride, Ja: Kirkpatrick; Antrim, Messrs Thos Futt, Wm Taylor; Tyrone, Messrs Thos Kennedy, Senr (he failing, Mr Crooks), John Thomb; Ardmagh, Messrs Archd Macclain, John Hutcheson; Monaghan, Mr Wm Ambrose, Robert Darragh; Derry, Mrs Robert Campbell, And: Ferguson; Convoy, Messrs Sam: Halliday, Jos: Fisher; Coleraine, Mr James Woodside, Robert Haltridge; any ten of whom making a Quorum; the Place of Meeting, Antrim; the Clerk of the Synod to be Clerk to the Committee & Member thereof; & if any Member of said Committee do fail & can't come, the Presbytry whereof he is a Member to send one fitt in his Place.

Mr Iredell to call it.

We then consider'd who shall call this Committee. It was voted in the Affirmative, that Mr Francis Iredell call it, with Advice of his Brethren—Mr Sinclair, Mr Milling, & Mr Hook—when any Emergency ocurrs that may require the Committee, & appoint the Day on which to meet. For better effecting said Appointment, he is to write to Mr Robert Craighead, Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr John Hutcheson, who, on Receipt of his Letter, are to write to the several Presbytrys of this Synod to send their Committee Members. He is also to write to Mr McBride.

Mr Iredell's Account of R:D:

The Clerk to make a Return of the Members of this Synod to Tho: Crawford. Mr Iredell being inquir'd what Account he can give of R:D:, he produc'd a Letter from Mr Williams, shewing that our R:D: is secur'd, thô to be distribute after another Manner. He wrote to Mr Williams that there ever was an Equality in the Distribution, in

Answer to Mr Williams, who heard it was not equally divided; & that he was appointed to speak to the Sollicitor Genl, Mr Brodrick, whether we may with Safety take R:D:, if tender'd, considering the late Act, but had no Opportunity to speak to said Gentleman, who has been some Time in England. He desires to know if he shall yet speak to him, & give a Gratuity to him. We agreed *Nem: contrad:* to leave that Matter to Mr Iredell's prudent Conduct. Messrs Bruce, Mr Mairs, And: Ferguson, Thos Orr, John Wilson, & James Reid, are appointed to revise Mr Crawford's Account of R:D:

Overture 1st.

Overtur'd 1st. In what Bussiness may relate to this Church, no extrajudicial Evidence shall be taken or sustain'd, but the Evidence deliver the Testimony *viva Voce* judicially; but if the Evidence cannot be present, a Commission to be given by the Judicatory to some Member or Members to take that Evidence; & if a Presbytry refuse the Evidence which may be taken, they shall be rebuk'd. The further Consideration of this is referr'd till next Synod. In the mean Time, all are to take Care that nothing be done unsuitable to our Constitution.

Ov: 2d.

2d. That Intrants designing for the Ministry be able to read the Hebrew Psalter & Greek Testament *ad Aperturam Libri.* This refer'd to next Synod, whether it shall be an Act. It is recommended to all Students for the Ministry to studdy Accuracy in the Hebrew. The Minutes of the Interloqr were read & approven. So concluded by Prayer after Roll call'd. *Finis.*

AND: CRAWFORD, Clk: Syn: Gen:

A General Synod at Antrim, June 5th, 1705.

Sess: prima.

Mr Alexr Sinclair, former Moderator, open'd this Synod by Preaching, &, after Constitution by Prayer, *sederunt* the Ministers & Ruling Elders of the respective Presbytrys, as follows:—

DOWN MINISTERS.

Messrs:	Ruling Elders.
Thomas Maxwell	James Clugston
James Bruce	
John Gaudy	Michael Colhart
Henry Hamilton	Mathew Scott
Thomas Orr	William Shaw
Samuel Shennan	John Reid
William Biggar	John Luke
Thomas Jackson	David Nisbitt
James Montgomery	Robert Gordon
William Smith	John Chalmers
Henry Livingston	John Skelton

BELFAST.

Messrs:	Ruling Elders.
John Frieland	Peter Whiteside
John McBride	Bryce Blair
John Malcom	John Mathew
Alexander Sinclair	Christopher Litton
John Milling	Daniel Mills
Alexander McCrackan	John Martin
James Kirkpatrick	Mr William Kennedy
James Cobham	John McCullogh
John Riddel	Thomas Hunter
Patrick Adair	William Bell
Robert Sinclair	William Fenton

ANTRIM.

Messrs:	
Mathew Haltridge	
John Campbell	John Carson
Thomas Futt	Patrick McKinly
Fulk White	John Hill
James Scott	James Glasgow
William Taylor	Robert King
Stafford Pettegrew	William McConchy
William Leech	James Wilson
Alexander Brown	John McMaster
John Abernethy	James Bryson
Charles Mastertown	

COOKESTOWN.

Messrs:	
Thomas Kennedy, Senr	
John Thomb	Robert Armstrong
Henry Crooks	John Sloan
James Maxwell	John Barber
Thomas Kennedy, Junr	James Stevenson
John McClave	Alexander Knox
Archibald Boyd	John Gordon

ARDMAGH MINRS.

Messrs:	
Archbd Macclain	James McClure
Alexander Colvill	Robert Chalmers
Moses Cherry	George Ewart
John Wilson	
George Lang	Alexander Hanna
Samuel Young	James Porter
Gilbert Kennedy	Alexander Chalmers
James Flemming	

MONAGHAN.

Messrs:	Ruling Elders.
John Mairs, Senr	Capt Fra: Wilson
William Ambrose	James Kerr
John Lee	John Nisbitt
William Cornwall	James Gibson
Robert Darragh	John Randle
Baptist Boyd	Samuel Gordon
Humphrey Thompson	Thos Campbell
John McGauchy	Robert Greg
Hugh Kelso	Patrick Brown
Josias Cornwall	Hugh Reid
James Tayt	

COLERAINE.

Messrs:	
James Steuart—	John Moor
Robert Neilson	
James McGrigor	John Loghridge
Robert Haltridge	William Wyly
John Mairs	
Thomas Sterlin	

L:DERRY.

Messrs:	
Andrew Ferguson	John Walker
David Wilson	
Thomas Winsly	Robert McEntyr
John Sterlin	
William Gray	

CONVOY.

Messrs:	
Samuel Haliday	Thomas Taggard
Joshua Fisher	
William Holmes, Senr	Mr Wm Maxwell
Samuel Henry	
Seth Drummond	Thomas Andrew
Robert Drummond	Thomas Ward
And: Crawford	John Campbell
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Moderator chosen.

Mr Alexr Sinclair, former Moderator, desir'd that a new Moderator may be chosen, &, in order thereto, gave a Leet of the following Ministers, viz:—Messrs Thos Maxwel, Hen: Hamilton, John Frieland, Alexr McCrackan, Thos Futt, Fulk White, John Thomb, Thos Kennedy, Junr, Archd Macclain, Alexr Colvill, John Mairs, Wm Ambrose, James

Steuart, Robert Haltridge, And: Ferguson, David Wilson, Samuel Halliday, Joshua Fisher, out of whom Mr John Mairs was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen to moderate this Synod.

Mr And: Crawford was continued Clerk to this Synod. Clerk continu'd.

Inquiry being made as to the Absents from the last Synod, Mr Humph: Thompson, now present, gave Reasons for his Absence, which were judg'd relevant, so he was excus'd. Mr Robert Drummond was excus'd for this Time, thô the Reasons for his Absence were not fully satisfying. He was enjoy'd to a more punctual Attendance. Mr Mathew Clerk, absent from the last Synod, as also from this, the Consideration whereof deferr'd till he be present. Mr Thomas Craighead absent. The following Brethren, by Letters from some, & Report made by Brethren in Behalf of others, were excus'd for their Absence from this Synod:—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, James Reid, Wm Reid, Thos Cobham, Jas Ramsay, Francis Iredell, Thos Hook, Wm Ogilvy, Alexr Gordon, Robert Coltheart, Adam White, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Peter Orr, Wm Houston, Rob: Craighead, Neil Gray, Rob: Campbell, Thos Harvey, John Harvey, James Pringle, Wm Holmes, Junr, Charles Wallace, Jas Woodside, Hans Steuart, John Hutcheson.

Absents from last Synod.

Absents from this.

Absents excus'd.

For Revising Synod Books—Messrs Andrew Ferguson, Wm Ambrose, Thomas Winsly, Rob: Darragh, to revise the Synod Book of Belfast, the Clerk of that Synod to be with them. Lagan Synod Book to be revis'd by Mr John Campbell, Mr McClain, Mr James Kirkpatrick, & Mr Shennan, the Clerk of that Synod to attend. Monaghan Synod Book to be revis'd by Mr McBride, Mr Bruce, Mr McCrackan, & Mr Thos Orr, the Clerk of that Synod to attend.

Ministers appointed to revise Synod Books.

The Books to be deliver'd now, that the Revisers may cognosce, remark, & report with their first Conveniency.

The Rules for orderly & expeditious Procedure to Synodical Affairs to be read to Morrow Morning.

Then we adjourn'd till to morrow Morning, to meet at 7 in an Interloqr, & Synod at 9.

Hora 9na, Quo Tempore, Sessio: 2da.

sederunt qui supra. { After Prayer & Roll call'd.

The Rules for orderly proceeding in the Synod were now read, & all the Members were appointed to observe them. Rules read.

The Synod, considering the Conveniency of a Committee for Overtures, whereby Work may be prepar'd for the Synod, which Committee to sitt in the Intervalls of the Synod, so unanimously voted that nine Ministers, beside the Moderator and Clerk, & six Ruling Elders, sitt in this Committee, who are as follows:—Messrs Jas Bruce, Sam: Halliday, Wm Ambrose, Thos Kennedy, Senr, Wm Gray, Archd McClain, Mathew Haltridge, Jas McGrigor, Capt Francis Wilson, Wm Keñedy, Wm Maxwell, Dan: Mills, Christopher Litton, John Nisbit, who were appointed to meet in the little House, at half three, & Synod at 4 a Clock *a Merid:*

A Comittee appointed for Overtures.

Antrim Presbytry Book before the Division.

Antrim Presbytry Book (before the Division of that Presbytry) was appointed to be produc'd by the Synod of Belfast, that the Revisers of said Book may give in their Remarks thereupon to this Synod; which Books were produc'd. Report was made there was no Material Escape. The one Book was return'd to Antrim Meeting, & the other to Belfast Meeting.

Ministers apointed to draw up a Form of Questions at Ordinations.

Mr James Bruce reports he (as appointed) desir'd Mr Alexr Hutcheson to go on with the Form of Questions at the Ordinations of Ministers. Mr Hutcheson told him what is done is mislaid, & desir'd to be Reliev'd from that Work, because of his great Craziness, & that the Work be laid on some other. This Synod appointed that these his Papers, when found, may be revis'd. This Affair being consider'd, Mr Hutcheson's Desire was granted. For the Management of this Work we appoint Mr Alexr Hutcheson, with Mr John McBride, to draw up their Thoughts on that Subject, & transmitt what they do to the Synod of Belfast, as also to the other two Synods; Mr Robert Craighead & Mr Andrew Ferguson to write their Thoughts also, & send to the Synod of Lagan, & to the other two Synods; Mr Thoa Kennedy, Senr, & Mr John Hutcheson to draw up their Thoughts likewise, & transmitt to Monaghan Synod, & to the other two Synods, so that Report of the whole be made to the next Synod; all which was voted & unanimously approven. The Brethern concern'd herein that are absent to be advertis'd of this Work by the Presbyterys.

The severall Clerks are appointed to return the Names of the ordain'd, Liscens'd, &c., since last Synod to our Clerk.

C: Awnbury's Collection to cease.

Touching the Charity appointed to Charles Awnbury, some being deficient in Convoy Presbytry, that Presbytry was appointed to inspect into that Affair; who report they have used due Diligence, & what can be expected is got up, so we desist from that Affair.

Redemption Money for Joh. Whitehead, now dead.

L:-Derry & Convoy Presbyterys were appointed to collect what of the Redemption Money for John Whitehead, Captive in Turky (but now dead), lys in any Hands, & give to Mr John Pringle, whose outward Circumstances are very necessitous. By their Report it doth not appear they have used due Diligence, wherefore the appointment is renew'd on said Presbyterys. Mr Robert Haltridge reports that he is inform'd that Mr John Galt, of Coleraine, lent twenty Pounds of that Money to some Person in Belfast. He hath his Bond. This Synod appoints the Clerk to write to Mr Gaalt, & desire him to see to the Recovery of the said Money, & pay it to Mr Holmes, in Strabane, for the Use of Mr Pringle; which was voted & approven.

Athlone supply'd.

Inquiry being made whether the Supplys appointed by last Synod for Athlone be perform'd, it appears all the Presbyterys have perform'd except Convoy, who, as they say, appointed the Supply, but something fell out, whereby the Supplyer could not go. They are ready to obey the Synod's appointment. They were excus'd. Mr Abernethy (thô he was appointed by his Presbytry to go to Athlone) yet went not, because of some unexpected Trouble that came in his Way. The Congregation was supply'd by Mr John Ball, a Probationer, in his Room. That Presbytry could not get an Actual Minister.

Athlone's Supp:

Major Thomas Handcock produc'd a Paper, subscrib'd by many of Athlone Congregation, shewing their great Sence of this Synod's Care of them, for which they are very thankfull. The Major Earnestly desir'd that Monaghan Presbytry, lying nearest to Athlone, & well acquaint with the Circumstances of that Congregation, may prepare an Overture to the Synod, in order to their being planted with Gospel Ordinances. That Presbytry was appointed so to do, & appoint the Place of their Meeting, that they may meet together in the Intervalls of the Synod. The Major is desir'd to meet with them, and what Overture is made, to come into the Synod by the Committee appointed.

Ministers got Leave to go Home.

Mr McBride, Mr Malcome, Mr Lang, Mr Humph: Thompson, shewing Reasons why they must go away, Sought Leave; which, being considered, were found Relevant. They were allow'd to go, yet requir'd, if possible, that they return to us.

Glenarm. Mr Lee.

Touching the Affair of Glenarm, & Mr John Lee, the Meeting of Antrim did shew that they, with the Appointed Correspondents, Mr Malcom, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr James Montgomery, & Mr James Reid, by the Synod of Belfast, did go to Glenarm, did use great Diligence in examining the Accompts between Mr Lee & that Congregation, all which did appear by an Account of their proceedings now read. They spake to Mr Lee & the people separately, as also together, & desir'd all of them to enter into Bonds of Submission to the Determination of that Affair by Persons nam'd, but the People would not condescend to such Bonds. The late Synod here having appointed that Congregation to pay £40 to Mr Lee (thô the Debt due to him appear'd to be sixty nine Pounds), by which it is plain the Synod was easy to them, they promis'd twenty five Pounds, but would give no Security; which Bussiness being now consider'd, this Synod appointed that Presbytry, with the aforesaid Correspondents, again to go together & make an Overture to the Synod, who mett upon it, but finding themselves difficulted, desir'd the Assistance of some ruling Elders; which Desire being heard, Mr Wm Maxell, Jas Stevenson, Alexr Chalmers, Wm Shaw, & Bryce Blair were appointed to joyn with & assist said Presbytry & Correspondents sitting in a Committee on that Affair. Having so met, they made the following Overture, which was read & approven, is *verbatim* as follows:—

The Overture concerning Mr Lee & Glenarm.

The Presbytry of Antrim, with Correspondents from the Presbytrys of Down & Belfast, having mett last week in Glenarm, in order to settle the Affairs in dependance betwixt Mr Lee & Glenarm, reported to this Synod's Interloqr that they could not bring that Matter to a Period, &, therefore, desir'd the Interloqr's Advice in Order to an Accommodation thereof; who thereupon appointed the Presbytry of Antrim, with Mr Thos Orr, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Rob: Haltridge, & Mr James Cobham, together with Several Gentlemen, ruling Elders, viz:— Mr Maxwell, Mr Blair, Mr Stevenson, Mr Chalmers, & Mr Shaw, to sit & cognosce upon that Affair. All these Members mett accordingly, &, to get Light in that Affair, they Read both the Records & Minutes of the Presbytry of Antrim; they discoursed the Commrs from Glenarm, & found what A fair State of the Case the last Sederunt at Glenarm have drawn up, wherein the Acompts appear to be very clearly stated,

& Sufficient Answers given to all Glenarm's Allegations; & so the £40 appointed by last general Synod is plainly due. However, to shew our tender Care of them, & Desire to settle the Gospell there again, we do Overture to this General Synod—1st. That of the £40 £5 shall be abated. 2d. That the Terms of Payment shall be five Pound now in Hand, ten Pounds at Lammas, ten Pounds at Alsaints, five Pounds at Candlemas, & five Pounds at May next; and all this to make Payment so much the more easy to Glenarm. 3d. That the Presbytry of Antrim shall forgive them their Quarterly Stipends ever since Mr Lee's Transportation, till May next (which is the Term of compleating those Payments), providing they pay up this Money to Mr Lee. Lastly, to make this more effectual, we overture that Antrim Presbytry be appointed to supply them duely. The which Overture being read to the Synod, was voted & unanimously approven.

The Synod's Ratificaōn of the Overture.

Glenarm being call'd, Mr John Mitchell, Commr, as by his Commission, now appears. He produc'd a Supplication, which was now read. The Commr being remov'd, the Supplication was consider'd, wherein they shew there is but 24£ Dew to Mr Lee. Antrim Meeting, being call'd, made appear that there should not be any Deduction of the 40£, which the Synod appointed that People to pay, the Synod taking 40£ instead of 69£, as by the adjusted Account was held forth. The Committee's Overture was again read & unanimously approven, after which the Commr was call'd. The Committee's Overture, with the Synod's Ratification, were read unto Him. He was appointed to shew that People that the Payments requir'd must be perform'd at the Days appointed, which being done, they may proceed to call a Minister in an orderly Way; but if they do not obey the Appointment, their Presbytry will be necessitate to look upon them as disorderly. They were also injoyn'd to pay the five Pounds they have in this Town now to Mr Lee, & were exhorted to study a Conversation becoming the Gospel.

Taro-Gee Charity.

As to the Charity appointed for Tanro-Gee by last Synod, the Several Presbytrys were demanded if they have collected & transmitted their Collections as appointed. Each Clerk is to report what has been done, & to whom it has been pay'd, at our next Sederunt; & what of the Money any Member has here is to be paid to Mr McClaine & Mr Cherry. Mr Cherry receiv'd three Pound twelve Shillings for some in Derry Presbytry.

Mr Sinclair got Leave to go Home.

Mr Alexr Sinclair, shewing the Necessity of going Home to Dublin, was allow'd to go, as also his Elder, & Mr Milling's Elder, Dan: Mills.

Mr John Smith, of Newtown, dy'd November 8th, 1704, & Mr James Alexander of Raphoe & Convoy, Dy'd November 17, 1704.

L: Derry Presbytry supply'd Convoy Congregation the appointed 6 Weeks.

Kirkdonnal.

The Synod of Belfast overtur'd to this Synod, that we explain that Part of our Minute relating to Kirkdonnald Congregation—that People are to provide a Farm for a Minister, their Quota being but 20£ ℔ Annum, & 20 Bolls of Oats. Quer:—Whether shall the People or Minister pay the yearly Rent of said Farm.

The Clerks return'd the Names of the Ordain'd, &c:, in their respective Presbytrys.

Monaghan ordain'd Mr Josias Cornwall, May 21st, 1704, Mr Alexr Flemming, May 8th, 1705, & Mr James Tayt, May 10th, 1705. Ordain'd.

Down licens'd Mrs Nath: Orr & Hugh Ramsay to preach the Gospell of Christ. To enter on Tryals in order to Licesing, Mr John Scot, Hugh Henry, John McClyment, Fran: Montgomery, Ja: Hamilton. Licens'd, enter'd &

Belfast licens'd Mr Robert Rainey, Char: Seaton; & enter'd Mr Robert Rainey on Tryalls for Ordination. To enter Mr Thos Kennedy on Tryals in order to licensing. to enter

Antrim licens'd Mr Thos Gowan. To enter Mr James McCreigh on Tryall in order to licensing. on Tryalls.

Ardmagh Licens'd Mr James Johston, & enter'd Mr William Kay on Tryalls in order to licensing.

Cookstown enter'd Mr John Boyd on Tryalls in order to Ordination; Mr Henry Neil, David Thomb, on Tryalls in order to licensing.

Convoy to enter on Tryalls for lisensing, Mr Sam: Halliday, Hugh Fisher, John Dunlop, Sam: Dunlop, James Knox, Francis Laird, Charles Linn.

Colerain to enter for licensing, Mr Samuel Dunlop.

Monaghan to enter for licensing, Mr Sam: McGauchy & James Arbuthnett.

Down Return'd Mr Archbd Dixon, lately come from Scotland to this Countrey. The said Mr Dixon was call'd. His Certificate for his licensing, with his Testimonialls, were demanded; who appear'd and produc'd his Certificate, which did shew him licens'd to preach by the Presbytery of Hamilton; which Certificate was approven, & return'd to him; and we being inform'd there are some recommendatory Letters from Brethren in Scotland to some Members here in his favour, but hath no formal Testimonials, he was desir'd to send to Scotland for Testimonials, these Letters wanting the necessary & ordinary Formality; which he promis'd to do. Any Presbytry is allow'd to imploy him to preach amoung us in an orderly Way. Mr Dixon, Probatr from Scotland.

The Meeting of Ardmagh brought by Refer into this Synod a Case depending between Newry & Donaghmore. Donnaghmore desires to be a distinct Congregation. That Presbytery having given to us a Deduction of that Matter, what they have done is contain'd in a Paper *in Retentis*. The Synod entering upon the Bussiness, call'd the Partys. Newry, by their Commr, Ja: Ballentine, John Hanen, & several others, their Commission being read, they produc'd a Supplication, wherein they crave that the Congregation of Newry continue as it is. Donnaghmore, by their Commrs, Archd Steuart, &c:, supplicate that they be a new Erection. All which Papers & Supplications *hinc inde* were read, also a Commission & Supplication from Narrow-Watter, & a Latter from Mr Hall, in that Country, in behalf of that People; which Commission & Supplication & Latter were read, wherein it's desir'd that the People of Narrow-Watter be joyn'd to Carlinford. This Affair to be considered Newry. Donaghmore.

by the Committee, & the Meeting of Ardmagh to go together, & farther concert this Matter, that we may have further Light therein. Mr Macclain & Mr John Wilson, both of that Meeting, are appointed to write a Civil Latter to Mr Hall in our Name; who's Letter, now read, was directed to the Synod.

Thereafter we adjourn'd till 4 a Clock *a Merid:*, as formerly appointed.

The aforesaid Committee mett at half 3, as appointed, & overtur'd as follows:—

Sess: 3tia.

Hora 4*ta*, *quo Tempore* { After Prayer & Roll call'd.

sederunt qui supra (except Mr Sinclair gone wth Leave).

Overture Ist. Donaghmore & Newry be 2 Congregaõns.

Ist. The Committee, deliberately weighing the Refer from Ardmagh Meeting concerning Newry and Donnaghmore, do belive there may be two Congregations, one at Newry, another at Donnaghmore, Donnaghmore giving Security for 38£ & twenty Bolls of Oats yearly to a Minister; & considering the Number of Familys & Bounds of the Congregation, a Prospect of a Competent Maintainance to two Ministers, spreading the Gospel, planting the Countrey, & that neither Congregation be a too heavy Charge. All whioh being fully reason'd, it is overtur'd to the Synod that there be two Congregations in that Countrey, the one to continue at Newry, the other to be erected at Donnaghmore, and that Narrow-Watter continue with Newry as they are for the present; that Donnaghmore, both as to the Bounds of their Congregation, to be perambulate by Ardmagh Presbytry (if need be), & seat of their intended Meeting-house be determin'd by the said Presbytry: which Overture being now read in the Synod, & all concern'd having fully spoken, were remov'd. After mature Consideration of the Overture with the aforesaid Reasons, we came to this Vote, whether there shall be two Congregations in that Countrey, or one? It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, there shall be two, Narrow-Water to continue with Newry for the present. The ordering of these two Congregations, & seat of their new intended Meeting-house, to be determin'd by the Presbytry of Ardmagh. The Partys being call'd in, this Minute was read unto them. They were desir'd to carry christianly & affectionately toward each other, & reverence Providence in this and all Determinations.

Over: 2d. Kirkdonald.

IId. That Kirkdonnald Congregation, considering their small Quota, do purchase a Farm to a Minister, & pay the yearly Rent, as the Synod agrees; which Overture being read, the Synod considering the same, voted whether the People pay 4 or 5 Pounds yearly for a farm to a Minister, & what Rent it pays more the Minister himself shall pay. It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, the People shall pay the yearly Rent of 3£ for a Farm to a Minister. John McKitrick, Commr from thence, being call'd, this Minute was read to him. Mr Thos Jackson was appointed to be at Kirkdonnald next Lord's Day, & to preach to that People, & conveen them on Munday, shewing them our Determination, with our Grounds for so doing. Mr Archd Dixon to be on that Sabbath at Down.

III^d. Finding that there is an Appeal to this Synod from the Sentence of Belfast Presbytry, with Reference to Drumbo & Jo^n Martin, the Executor to the late Mr Bayly, the discussing whereof may be tedious & vexatious, it is therefore overtur'd that Bussiness be determin'd by Gentlemen of the Synod's Nomination & finally concluded here; which Overture being read, the Synod agree'd, for saving the Synod's Time, & for consulting the Creddit of our Interest, to intreat and authorise Capt Francis Wilson, Mr Wm Kennedy, Wm Moor, John Nisbitt, Mathew Scot & Mr James Crawford finally to determine that Affair between Drumbo & John Martin. Wherein they are difficulted they may come or send one of their Number to the Synod for Light. The Partys oblidg'd themselves to stand to their Determination. The Gentlemen were now allow'd to go about it, & give their Report in Write. 3^d. Appeal about Drumbo & J: Martin.

IV. As to the promis'd twenty Pounds by Belfast and Monaghan Synods, for assisting Lurgan Congregation in supporting the Minister there, we overture that said Payment continue till the next Synod here; to which Overture this Synod unanimously agrees. 4th. Assistance to Lurgan.

V. For preventing Trouble & Indecency at Presbytrys about Ministers' Maintenance, we Overture that Presbytrys divide themselves into Committees, who may inspect into these Affairs, & go as Occasion offers, and when requir'd by the Congregations, and make Report twice in the Year to their respective Presbytrys; unanimity in this, as in other things, being desirable, the Synod of Belfast having made it a Rule amoung them, & found it usefull: which Overture was well approven by this Synod. 5. Com: about Min^rs' Sipend.

VI. Monaghan having considered Athlone Affair, & the Committee duely Weighing that Report, overture that Athlone Congregation be continued under the Care of this Synod for Supplys till next Synod here, and that the Congregation be under the particular Inspection of Monaghan Presbytery, in order to their planting; which being read and considered, this Synod agrees to take Care of supplying that Congregation, & that they be under the particular Care of Monaghan Presbytry for their planting. Major Handcock, in Name of that People, promis'd 30£ yearly Maintainance to a Minister when ordain'd, & within a Year after the Minister is ordain'd, he shall have 20 or 25 Acres of Land free yearly to him, and a Gospel Minister succeeding him, & while the Minister continues unmarry'd, he shall have his Accommodation free. For Supplys to that Congregation, they are ordered as follows:—Convoy Presbytry is to supply them the last Sabbath of this Moneth, June, & the Moneth of July; Ag^st Moneth to be supply'd by Down; Belfast the Moneth of September; Antrim the Moneth of Octob^r; Cookstown the Moneth of Novem^r; Monaghan the Moneth of Decem^r, Jan^ry; Ardmagh, Feb^ry; Colerain, Aprile; Derry, May; Convoy, March; that ordain'd Ministers be sent, as far as possible, thither for Baptising their Childern; all which being voted was unanimously approven. The Major produc'd a Discharge for what that Congregation did owe to such as supply'd them, before Application made to this Synod, as also for others who supply'd them since last Synod here, which Paper, with Discharges, was read, approven, & return'd to the Major. 6th. Athlone Affair.

O: 7. Strangers comming among us of our ℣.swasion produce Testimonials.

VII. That those who come among us, profess to be of our Communion, give Account of themselves by their Testimonials, & if these be suspected that they are not authentick, to be brought to the Minister & Session, & if need be, the Minister shall report to his Presbytry, who are to appoint one of their Number to write to the Place from whence the said Testimonials are dated. It shall thereby be known whether a true Testimonial. If the Person or Persons refuse to give a Testimoniall, these in the Bounds whether they came are prudently to apply to the civil Magistrate to relieve the Place of such Vagrants. Intimation of this our Resolution to be made by each Minister of the Synod from the Pulpit to the Congregation, that they who entertain such Vagrants shall be judg'd disorderly.

Subscribe the Confession of Faith.

VIII. That such as are to be licens'd to preach the Gospel subscribe the Westminster Confession of Faith to be the Confession of their Faith, & promise to adhere to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Goverment of this Church; as also those who are liscens'd & have not subscrib'd, be oblig'd to subscribe before their being ordain'd among us: which was voted & unanimously approven.

We appoint that the Ministers meet here in an Interloq^{r} at 7 in the Morning, and the whole Synod at 9.

N:B:—What done in the Interloq^{rs} annex'd to these Minutes.

Sess: 4ta. June 7th.

Quo Tempore

sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Synod Books revis'd.

The Revisers of the Synod Books made Report as follows:—

Mr John Campbell, &c:, signify'd that Laggan had not a Synod Book, but some Papers, wherein are Minutes, which they revis'd. This Synod is dissatisfy'd with that Synod's wanting a Book in which they should record their Minutes. They were injoyn'd to get a Book, & have their Minutes fairly ingross'd against next Synod here. As to the Matter contain'd in these Minutes, it was approven.

M^{r} Ja: Bruce, &c:, revis'd Monaghan Synod Book, which was approven, & accordingly inserted in the Book by our Clerk. Mr And: Ferguson, &c:, revised Belfast Synod Book. That Synod being advertis'd of some *Sphalmata*, the Book was approven, & so inserted in the Margin of the Book.

General Rules to be extracted.

The Clerk is appointed to extract the General Rules and Acts out of what Minutes of the General Synod are in his Custody, & what more he can Procure, & transmitt those Acts so extracted to the several Presbytrys. Concerning the Appeal relating to Drumbo & John Martin, the forementioned Gentlemen, who were appointed to meet in a Committee, do make the following Report, subscribed under their Hands:—

Drumbo Affair determin'd.

We, the undersubscribers, having fully heard Allegations on both Sides in the Difference between Mr Martin and the Congregation of Drumbo, in all the particulars mention'd in the Appeal, do unanimously

agree that the said Parrishioners have fully satisfy'd all the Particulars which Mr Martin in his Appeal alledg'd were due to Mr Bayly, their late Minister, except 10 Bolls of Oats, which they engag'd to discount for. As witness our Hands this 6th Day of June, 1705. Which being read, the Gentlmen's Diligence was well approven. Whereupon this Synod appoints Drumbo Congregation to discount with Mr John Martin for the 10 Bolls of Oats, & Mr Martin to give that People a Discharge for what that Congregation is due to Mr Bayly as their Minister.

Convo Presbry supplicate for Assistance.

The Presbytry of Convoy, supplicating this Synod for Assistance for carrying on the Lord's Work among them, they having many Vacancys, several of their Members being very crazy, & others at a very great Distance cannot assist them. The Synod, considering this Matter, & finding that Affair has not been under the Cognisance of Lagan Synod, to which that Presbytry belongs, yet, for their present help, Derry Presbytry is to give them six Supplys, Cookestown two supplys, & Monaghan two Supplys before next Synod; which was voted and unanimously approven.

This Synod voted the Time & Place of the next Synod to be on the first Tuesday of June, which will be in the Year 1706—Sermon to begin at 5 a Clock that afternoon—at Antrim.

The Minutes were read & approv, so concluded by Prayer.

Interloquitur Ist.

Fast observ'd.

It being inquired if the late Synod's Fast was observed by the several Presbytrys, it appears Down did not observe it. Belfast did, except Mr McBride, who gave his Reason—the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was to be administer'd in his Congregation of Belfast on the enseuing Week, before which he was to have a Fast. Antrim, as also Ardmagh, except Mr John Hutcheson of Ardmagh, who was very infirm. Monaghan observ'd, some not. Colerain, Derry, Convoy observ'd it. Who did not observe it gave their Reasons why the Synod's Act in the Interloqr was not observ'd; which Reasons being consider'd, the Matter was past, yet they were requir'd to be more Punctual in observing Synodical Appointments.

Mr Martin's Account of £8 10s: 0d: to be considered.

As to Mr Sam: Martin's Account of £8 10s: 0d: in official Courts on our Account, with the Particulars thereof, our Clerk was appointed to get from Mr Thos Crawford & transmitt to the several Presbytrys; the Clerk reports he transmitted said Account. The several Presbytrys being ask't if they got it, Down, Belfast, Antrim, Derry, Convoy, Ardmagh, Monaghan got it, but Cookes-Town & Colerain got it not; & we, finding that those who got said Accounts, made no Remarks thereupon—This Interloqr not being satisfy'd with this Account, referrs the farther Consideration of this Matter to the Ministers after appointed to revise Tho: Craford's Accompts of R:D:

Mr John Milling produc'd a Letter from Mr Iredell, who was appointed to consult Allan Brodrick, Esqr, speak to the House of Commons, mett in Dublin, whether we (considering the late Clauses)

Mr Brodrick's Advice about R:D:

may with safety receive the Quarter's Bounty of R:D: if tender'd to us; which Letter, with Mr Brodrick's Advice, under his hand, was here read, wherein his Judgement is, that we may with Safety receive it; which Paper, by appointment, was lodg'd with Mr James Bruce, who is required to take particular Care of it, & a true Copy thereof to be *in Retentis*, & also a Coppy to be sent to Mr Iredell, who, with other of our Friends in Dublin, may have Occasion for it. Mr Milling did further shew that Mr Iredell has been at some Expence in that Affair. The Brethren appointed Mr Milling to draw the Acompt thereof, & give in subscribed, which Thos Crawford shall be order'd to pay.

Formula.

All have subscrib'd the Appointed Formula about R:D:, which still to be observ'd as Occasion offers.

10£ for Mr Pringle not pay'd.

The Clerk reports that he (as appointed) gave Orders to Tho: Crawford to pay Mr James Pringle 10£ out of the £70 12s: 0d:, Ballance of the Christmas Quarter, 1701, R:D:, which 10£ was not pay'd; the Reason of which Thos Crawford gave to such as were appointed to receive it, because he had distributed the aforesaid £70 12s: 0d: *in Cumulo*, fearing he would get no more of R:D: This Interloqr was dissatisfy'd with such a Distribution without an Order from us. Of this the Clerk is to advertise Thos Crawford.

Mr Thos Crawford's Account of R:D:

Mr James Bruce and other Ministers, who were appointed to revise Mr Thos Crawford's Accompts of R:D: at the last Synod, report that Mr Thos Crawford, being indispos'd with the Gout, could not then attend them, but he promis'd to send the Coppy of the Accompts to the several Presbytrys, & answer what Objections might be made against any Part of the Accots. These Brethren's Diligence was approven. It was inquir'd whether the Presbytrys had receiv'd the promis'd Accounts. Down, Belfast, Antrim receiv'd them, & were satisfy'd. Ardmagh receiv'd the Account, but was not fully satisfy'd; gave in some Objections. Convoy also receiv'd, & remark there is £5 alledg'd to be pay'd to Mr James Pringle, which he never receiv'd. Cookstown nor Monaghan got not the Account. Derry receiv'd, but would not take Time to examine it, as Mr And: Ferguson affirms. The Account was sent to Coleraine Presb: by Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick, who was order'd to forward it, but no Account thereof from that Presbytry.

Com: to revise Mr Crawford's Accts.

We agree that a Committee of Ministers shall be appointed to revise Mr Crawford's Accounts of R:D: since the last Account approven by the Synod; the Accounts to be sent to the several Presbytrys, that thereby the Committee, when Occasion requires, may be the riper to revise the Accounts. The Coppy of Down Presbry to be sent to Mr Thos Orr; for Belfast to Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick; for Antrim to Mr Thos Futt; for Colerain to Mr Robert Haltridge; for Derry to Mr Robert Craighead; for Convoy to Mr Wm Holmes, of Strabane; for Ardmagh to Mr Archd Macclaine; for Cookestown to Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr; for Monaghan to Mr Wm Ambrose. These Brethren are appointed to take their Coppy, when they receive it, to their Presbytrys, at the first *Sederunt, sub pœna.* It is also appointed that the Committee, which is to be the fix'd Committee for Emergencys relating to this Church till next Synod, be the Committee for revising said Accounts; that two

out of each Presbytry meet in this Committee, any ten of them making a Quorum. This to be considered further in the next Interloqr.

Interloquitur 2d.

The Brethren mett in this Interloqr agree that each Presbytry chuse their own Members for the aforesaid Committee for Emergencys, who are to revise the Accounts; which being done, report as follows:— A fix'd Com:

Down appoints Mr James Bruce, Mr Thos Orr; Belfast, Mr J: McBride, Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick; Antrim, Mr John Campbell, Mr Thos Futt; Cookestown, Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Mr Jo: Thomb; Ardmagh, Mr Alexr Gordon, Mr Archd Macclain; Derry, Mr David Wilson, Mr Wm Gray; Monaghan, Mr Wm Ambrose, Mr Wm Cornwall; Colerain, Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, Mr Mathew Clerk; Convoy, Mr Joshua Fisher, Mr Wm Holmes, of Strabane; & we agree that if any Member of this nominated Committee fail, the Presbytry whereof he is a Member shall send one fitt in his Room; & the Clerk of the Synod to be Member of the said Committee. Further, whatever Light & Instructions these Members of the Committee can have from their Presbytrys, they shall take it, yet not so as to restrict them, because something not foreseen by the Presbytrys or Members of the Comittee may fall in when the Committee meets. All which was voted and unanimously approven. It was also Voted that Mr Iredell, with advice of the Brethren in Dublin, do call the Committee to Belfast. He is to write to Mr Robert Craighead, to Mr John Hutcheson, & to Mr Ja: Bruce, so that the three Synods may be advertis'd, & shew the Causes of calling the said Committee, which causes are to be shewn to all the three Ministers aforesaid; thereby the Presbytrys may know the Causes, & write to the aforesaid 3 Ministers, in all Matters of Common Concern. The Clerk to write this our Resolution to Mr Iredell.

As to the appointed ten Pound & fifteen Pound, payable by Thos Crawford out of the aforesaid £70 12s 0d to Mr John Lee, as formerly order'd by the Interloqr of our last Synod, it appears that the said Summs are not pay'd. Mr Crawford gave his Reasons to Brethren, & now by his Letter read, because it was distribute *in Cumulo.* The Committee appointed to revise said Accounts, are to inform themselves of this Distribution, and as they find the Account of that £70 12s 0d, if distributed, as is held forth, then some proper Measures are to be taken for paying to Mr Lee his £10 & 15 Pounds. We, therefore, impower the said Committee to order Thos Crawford to pay to Mr Lee the said 25 Pound out of the first Dividend of R:D:; also to pay out of the said Dividend 5 Pound to Mr Jas Pringle (formerly appointed to him); & another 5 Pound, which was appointed to Mr Pringle, to be pay'd by Tho: Craford himself, who stopt that Summ for him on Account of Books. The ten Pound to be continued yearly to Mr Lee till Brechy, where he now is, be in some Case to relieve us from that Charge. The Clerk is appointed to give an Order to his Brother, Tho: Crawford, for that 25 Pound to Mr Lee and 5 Pound to Mr Pringle, to be pay'd out of the first Dividend of R:D: Mr Crawfd to pay 5£ to Mr Lee & 5£ to Mr Pringle.

Considering Mr Pringle's hard Circumstances as to his Maintenance,

the Synod of Lagan is to give him 10 Pound before our next Synod; which was voted and unanimously approven, & they cheerfully agreed to it.

Mr Bruce was appointed to write to Mr Iredell, & desire him to use his Interest, if possibly an Order can be procur'd for Accquitance for R:D: before the Duke of Ormond go to England.

The Clerk to make a Return of all our Ministers to Tho: Crawford, our Treasurer.

It was voted & *nem: contradic*: approven, that no Minister or Ministers meedle with any thing of our Common Concern without an Order so to do.

Mr Milling being gone away with Leave, Mr Bruce is appointed to get an Account of Mr Iredell's Disbursments from Mr Milling for Mr Brodrick's Advice, Mr Milling to subscribe said Account, which is to be given to Thos Crawford, who is to pay the Money out of R:D:

The Overture made at last Synod about young men studying the Hebrew Psalter *ad Aperturam Libri* was yet referr'd to next Synod.

This Interloq^r, considering Mr John McGauchy's dolefull Circumstances by Reason of a late dreadfull Fire, which has impoverish'd most of his Congregation, we, therefore, agree that every Minister of this Synod send 5 Shillings to next Committee to meet at Belfast; the Presbytery of Monaghan to advance to him 10 Pound forthwith, which ten Pound is to be repay'd to the said Presbytery out of the aforesaid five Shillings from each Minister as aforesaid. This to be intimated to the Members at their first *Sed^t* of the respective Presbyterys.

Colerain Presbytery shewing that Mr Robert Gemble, a Probationer from Scotland, who appear'd before a late General Meeting of Ministers here; his Certificate shewing him to be licens'd by the Presbytery of Irwin was then read & approven; but he wanted Testimonialls for above two Years, which he was then desired to get. He now appears & produc'd Papers (which he gave to that Presbytry, who did not judge them sufficient Testimonials). It being voted whether the Brethren here are satisfy'd with these as sufficient Testimonials, it carryed—not fully satisfy'd.

The Congregation of Colerain urging that Pres^by (as we are inform'd) to send a Minister who may moderate in drawing up a Call to the said Mr Gemble, the Presbytery wants advice in that Affair. We, having read his Papers again & again, & not fully satisfy'd, & from what we have heard, do not judge Mr Rob: Gemble a fitt Person for such a Post & Congregation, therefore, Mr Joshua Fisher was appointed to be at Colerain (if conveniently he can) next Lord's Day, & Preach to that People; that he send for the more judicious of our Persuasion in that Place, & tell them this our Judgement; that all due Care shall be taken for their replanting with one fitt for them, as God in his Providence gives Opportunity, & their Presbytery will have a due Regard to them. And we, willing to be tender of the young Man a Stranger among us, & that he be not kept unnecessarily in Suspence, appointed Mr Sam: Halliday, with Mr Hen: Crooks, to go out & speak

to him, that we do not judge him to be a fitt Person for Colerain. The said Ministers, having gone out to him, return'd & report they deliver'd the Interloq^{rs} Judgment to him, which he seems to take well; that he resolves to return to Scotland; wants a Testimonial for what Time he hath been in the Country. The Presb^{y} of Colerain is appointed to give him a Testimonial, as they see Cause.

Being much Straitn'd for Want of Time, the last Committee Minutes were not read, but the Clerk did formerly send them to the several Presbyterys.

Some Brethren who went away without Leave before we dissolv'd, were appointed to Supply as follows (beside what apointm^{ts} their Presb^{y} lays on them):—Mr Ferguson & Mr Winsly, each of them to supply Pittigo 2 Sabbaths; M^{r} H: Kelso 2 Sabbaths at Cavan; Mr Hen: Hamilton 2 Sabbaths at Newtown; M^{r} R: Sinclair one Sabbath at Mayro & one at Drumbo. *Finis.*

AND: CRAFORD, C: S: G:

A General Synod at Antrim, June 4th, 1706.

Sess 1ma.

Mr John Mairs, former Moderator, having opened this Synod by preaching on Rom: 1, 1, & after Constitution by Prayer, *Seder^{t}* the Ministers & Elders of this Synod.

DOWN MIN^{RS}.

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
John Gaudy	Hugh Wallace
Henry Hamilton	James Kennedy
Thos Orr	Arch^{d} Steuart
Sam: Shennan	
William Biggar	Mr John Blackwood
Ja^{s} Montgomery	Robert Gordon
Thos Jackson	William Fettys
Wm Smith	Sam: Herron
Ja^{s} Reid	Wm Steuart
Henry Livingston	James McCulloch

BELFAST.

Messrs	
Alex^{r} Sinclair	
John Malcom	Thos Granger
Fran: Iredell	M^{r} Ja: Kennedy
Alex^{r} McCrackan	Rob: Charters
Ja: Kirkpatrick	Wm Martin

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
Ja: Cobham	James Beggs
John Riddel	John Hunter
Pat: Adair	David Hudd
Robert Sinclair	Rob: Ferry
Thos Gowan	Mr Arth: Maxwell

ANTRIM.

Messrs	
Thos Futt	Ard: Nivin
Fulk White	Robert Davidson
James Scot	John Hill
Wm Taylor	Wm Dick
Stafford Pettegrew	John Hume
William Leech	George Hasleton
Wm Ogilvie	John Gordon
Alexr Brown	Josias Innis
John Abernethy	Robert Rainey
Charles Mastertown	Robert Vernor

TYRONE MINRS.

Messrs	
Thos Kennedy, Senr	
John Thomb	Wm Vernor
Henry Crookes	Wm Brown
Thos Kennedy, Junr	John Wilson
John McClave	John Boyd
Archd Boyd	John McClellan
	John O Cahan

ARDMAGH.

Messrs	
Archd: Macclain	Adam Barber
Alexr Colvill	Jo: Hook
John Wilson	Jo: Coltheart
Geo: Lang	Alexr Agnew
Sam: Young	Hugh Herron
Gib: Kennedy	John Chalmers
James Flemming	John McCaal

MONAGHAN.

Messrs	
John Mairs	Wm McCutchen
Wm Ambrose	Horas Murray
John Lee	John Nisbitt
Wm Cornwall	Robert Wilson
Robert Darrgh	
Baptist Boyd	Thos Campbell
Hump: Thompson	

Messrs	Ruling Elders.
John McGauchy	
John Tayt	Capt R: Galbreath
Josias Cornwall	Maurice Matire
Alexr Flemming	Hector Allan

COLERAIN.

Messrs	
Hugh Kirkpatrick	Jas Henry
Matt: Haltridge	James Starrat
Robert Neilson	Peter Paterson
James Woodside	Wm Allan
Jas McGrigor	Hugh Henry
Robert Haltridge	Mr Edward Galland
Thos Sterlin	Mat: Campbell
John Mayer	

L: DERRY.

Messrs	
Thos Harvey	Wm Fulton
And: Ferguson	Ja: Strawbride
John Harvey	Robert Thompson
David Wilson	David Barber
Thos Winsly	Charles Pollock
John Sterlin	Robert Thompson
Hans Steuart	

CONVOY MINRS.

Messrs	
Sam: Halliday	
Wm Holmes, Senr	Arcd: Dayburn
Sam: Henry	Thos Best
Seth: Drummond	Joseph Layon
Wm Holmes, Junr	
And: Crawford	Geo: Russel
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The Moderator, desiring that a new Moderator might be chosen, return'd a Leet of the following Ministers, that one of them may be chosen to moderate this present Synod, viz:—Mr Gaudy, Mr Hen: Hamilton, Mr Malcom, Mr McCrackan, Mr Futt, Mr Fulk White, Mr Matt: Clerk, Mr Robert Haltridge, Mr And: Ferguson, Mr John Harvey, Mr Halliday, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Arcd Macclaine, Mr Colvill, Mr Thomb, Mr Kennedy, Junr, Mr Ambrose, Mr Lee. Mr Thos Futt was chosen by Plurality of Votes. Modr & Clerk chosen.

Next, Andrew Crawford was voted to continue Clerk to this Synod.

It was voted the Rules for orderly & expeditious managing Synodical Bussiness be read to morrow morning. Rules.

Mr Matt: Clerk having pressing Bussiness, desir'd to go to Colerain, which was granted. He was excus'd for his Absence from the last Synod for his Reasons now given.

Absent. Absents excus'd.

Absent from this Synod, Mr Charles Wallace. The following Brethren were, some by their Letters, & Report made by Brethren in favour of others, excus'd for their Absence from this Synod, viz:—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Wm Reid, Jam: Bruce, John Friland, Thos Cobham, John McBride, Jas Ramsay, John Campbell, Alexr Gordon, Robert Colthart, Adam White, Peter Orr, Wm Houston, Robert Craighead, Neil Gray, Rob: Campbell, Moses Cherry, Robert Drummond, Jas Pringle, Thos Craighead.

Committee appointed.

This Synod, considering that a Committee of Ministers & Ruling Elders, sitting in the Intervalls of the Synod, may much ripen Bussiness for the Synod, therefore appointed Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Fulk White, Wm Ambrose, Alexr Colvill, And: Ferguson, Wm Holmes, Senr, Robert Haltridge; the Ruling Elders, Arthur Maxwell, Esqr, Capt Rob: Galbreat, Mr Edwd Galland, Mr John Blackwood, Mr John McCaal; with the Moderator & Clerk. The first Meeting of this Com: to be at 7 in the Morning in the little House, and the Synod to meet here at 9.

Synod Books to be revis'd.

Belfast Synod Book to be revis'd by Messrs Archd Macclain, Rob: Darragh, John Harvey, Wm Holmes, Junr; Monaghan Synod Book to be revis'd by Messrs Henry Hamilton, Alexr McCrackan, David Wilson, James Woodside; Derry Synod Book to be revis'd by Messrs John Mairs, Wm Taylor, Jas Kirkpatrick, Wm Cornwall; the Clerk of each Synod to be with the Revisers; the Books to be deliver'd now; the first Meeting for that Work to be at 6 in the Morning.

Hora nona,

Quo Tempore sederunt qui Supra, { After Prayer & Roll call'd.

Sess: 2das, June 5th.

Rules read.

The Rules for orderly Managment of Synodicall Bussiness were now read, and all the Brethren were enjoy'd to observe them. There were some Things overtur'd which might be added to the said Rules.

Some Ministers & ruling Elders who were not here Yesterday are now come, and excus'd for their Reasons given.

Form of Quess at Ordinations.

The former Synod having appointed several Ministers, two out of each Sub-Synod, viz:—Mr Alexr Hutcheson, Mr John McBride, out of Belfast Synod; Messrs Thos Kennedy, John Hutcheson, out of Monaghan Synod; Mr Robert Craighead, Mr And: Ferguson, out of Derry Synod; who should draw up their Thoughts about the Questions to be propos'd to Intrants at their Ordinations, Account Whereof is to be made to this Synod. Inquiry being made into this Matter, Belfast Synod hath done nothing, because of Mr Alexander Hutcheson's Craziness & Mr McBride's Absence; Mr Thos Kennedy reports there is Something done, but is not yet ripe; Derry Synod reports the Persons appointed drew up their Thoughts & sent them to Belfast Synod, the Coppy whereof Mr And: Ferguson has here. Mr Ferguson was appointed to shew that Draught to Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, Mr Mairs,

Mr Iredell, Mr Sam: Halliday, Mr Macclain, & Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick, who are to meet & consider, & report to this Synod.

Belfast Presb: ordain'd Mr Thos Gowan at Drumbo, March 29th; Liscens'd, Mr Thos Kennedy; to enter, Mr William Livingston & Mr Robert Lecky, on Tryall for Licensing. Ordain'd.

Mr Arcd Dixon, Probar (as appointed by last Synod), brougt Sufficient Certificates from Scotland to the Meeting of Down, under whose Inspection he is.

Coleraine has licens'd Mr Sam: Dunlop; Antrim licens'd Mr Jas Creighton, Mr Thos Shaw; Convoy licens'd Mr Char: Dunlop, John Dunlop, Francis Laird; Derry licens'd Mr Sam Dunlop; Tyrone licens'd Mr David Thomb, Mr Henry Neil; Monaghan licens'd Mr Sam: McGauchy. Down has enter'd Mr Hugh Ramsay on Tryalls for Ordination; Ardmagh has enter'd Mr Robert Rainey on Tryalls for Ordination, & Mr Thos Millikin. Down has enter'd on Tryalls in order to licensing, Mr Jo: Scot, Hugh Henry; Antrim enter'd for Licensing, Mr John Brennan, John Henderson; Tyrone has enter'd for licensing, Mr John Kennedy. Ardmagh has licens'd Mr Wm M'Kay. Derry to enter for licensing, Mr Alexr McCrackan. Mr Wm Hare, a Probationr from Scotland, is come orderly among us. Licens'd. Ordain'd.

Dead—Mr John Milling (Colleague to Mr Iredell in C— Street) dyed June 17th; Mr Thos Hook, Minister in Francis-Street, dyed December 6th; Mr Thos Maxwell, Minister of Drumca, in the County of Down, July 14th; Mr Matt: Haltridge, of Ahogle, in the Meeting of Antrim, October 20th; Mr Hugh Kelso, Minr of Dartry, in the Meeting, Monaghan, Febry 7; Mr Joshua Fisher, of Donnaghmore, in the Meeting of Convoy, March 12th. Dead.

As to the Redemption Money for John Whitehead, sometime Captive in Barbary, the late Synod having appointed Mr Crawford, our Clerk, to write to Mr John Galt, of Colerain (we hearing he had £20 0: 0: of that Money), the Clerk reports he wrote & had an Answere, which was now read, wherein is held forth that Mr Galt ordered that Money to John Moor, Brother in Law to said Whitehead, but belives that the said Money is lost, Moor's Circumstances being bad. Mr Chads, of Belfast (now present), being askt what he knows of this Matter, answer'd he knew that John Moor got the Money, and there is no Prospect of the Recovery of it, and that there was considerably expended by John Whitehead in his lifetime while in London. The whole Matter being considered, the Synod will desist from any farther Inquiry into that Affair. Redemption Money for John Whitehead.

Glenarm Affair with Mr John Lee, referr'd to the Committee, who may make an Overture to the Synod.

Newry & Donnaghmore are 2 distinct Congregations, according to the Appointment of last Synod.

Mr Thos Jackson, as appointed, was at Kirkdonnall. Belfast Meeting report that they are going on with that Congregation. That Congregation, by their Commr, John McKitrick, supplicates that they may be reliev'd of the three Pounds yearly for a Minister's Farm, enjoyn'd by the late Synod. This to be consider'd afterward.

Drumbo & John Martin.

A Refer from Belfast Synod about Drumbo & Mr Jo: Martin, Execr to the late Mr John Bayly. This Affair was consider'd by a Committee at the last Synod, who requir'd Drumbo to discount with Jo: Martin for 10 Bolls of Oats. There appearing an Ambiguity in the Word discount, Jon Martin conceiving the 10 Bolls of Oats were to be given Him, Drumbo apprehending what Part thereof is pay'd, as will appear upon Ballance of Accounts, should be allow'd, the Synod ordered the Accounts to be ballanc'd, & some were now nam'd to hear both Accounts; but Drumbo shewing that their Accounts are not here, this Affair, therefore, was remitted to the Presbytry of Belfast.

Athlone supply'd.

Athlone Congregation was supply'd by the Presbytrys, according to Appointment, except Convoy, who did not supply the Moneth of March. Their Reasons now given were sustain'd.

Rule observ'd abt Vagrants.

Inquiry being made whether the several Presbyterys have observ'd to discountenace Persons professing to be of our Communion, & yet do not bring Testimonials, it was observ'd the Punctual Observance of this is recommended for the future.

Confession of Faith.

All the Presbyterys were askt if they requir'd their licens'd or ordain'd to subscribe the Confession of Faith, compos'd at Westminster, to be the Confession of their Faith. It was answer'd in the Affirmative.

Convoy supl.

Convoy Presb: was supply'd by Derry, Tyrone, & Monaghan Presbyterys, as appointed by last Synod.

The Revisers of the Synod Books are to make Report, with the Remarks on the Books ready.

Belfast & T-Patrick.

From Belfast appear'd Dr Ferguson, Mr Wm Crawford, Mr Thos Crawford, Messrs Henry Chads, Wm Rainey, John Rainey, Brice Blair, Thos Lyle, commissionate to supplicate this Synod that all due expeditious Measures be taken for transporting Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick (who has their Call) from the Congregation of Temple-Patrick to Belfast; which Commission & Supplication were read, as also Mr Clotworthy Upton, with other Commrs from Temple-Patrick, who desir'd that Affair may be referr'd to the Committee appointed. Both Partys desiring this, it was referr'd to the Comm:, who may make an Overture.

Committee.

Mr James Steuart & Maccasquy.

The Committee considering an Affair relating to Mr Ja: Steuart, who was suspended from the Exercise of his Ministry in Macasquy by the Meeting of Colerain, on or about March last. That Affair was not cognosc'd by the Synod of Derry (to which said Meeting belongs), sitting in Aprile last, by Reason Mr Steuart was not there. He wrote that it was his Desire the Matter should be brought before this Synod, wherefore that Synod agreed that it should come hither. The Suspension & Causes thereof being read by the Meeting of Colerain, & Mr Steuart by his general & particular Answers to the several Artickles given in against him being read, the Committee weighing the Accusations, that some of them have been proven, whereby he appears guilty of Imprudencys & Misdemeanours; it is, therefore, overtur'd that he

having been suspended some Time, the Synod please to take of the Suspension; that he be rebukt by the Synod, & exhorted to be more circumspect for the future.

The Synod hearing the said Overture read saw fitt to cognosce of the whole Affair. Papers read in the Committee were read in the Synod. The Minutes of Coleraine Presbytery, relative hereunto, were also read. Hearing that there were Altercations & Heats in that Meeting, for the Synod's Information, Mr Fulk White, Mr Scott, & Mr David Wilson, who were Correspondts with that Meeting—Mr White was askt what he observ'd as to this Meeting's Procedure in Mr Steuart's Affair. He said he thought that Meeting did not proceed with that Requisite Deliberation. The other two Correspondents said they thought there was too much Heat in the Meeting. That Meeting & all Partys being heard & remov'd, the Lybell against Mr Steuart being again read, & particularly markt, as also Mr Steuart's Defences were read; there did appear 3 Particulars, whereof one he acknowledg'd, a dreadfull Asseveration, and 2 other Particulars proven by two Witnesses. The Particulars, with several other Imprudencys in the Lybell, are *in Retentis* with our Clerk. We then came to vote whether, from what has been heard, the Suspension shall be taken off Mr Steuart. It was carry'd *nem: contrad:*, take of the Suspension. Again it was voted—admonish the Meeting, Mr Steuart, or both? It was carry'd by Plurality of Votes, admonish both. The Partys being call'd, the Moderator, in the Synod's Name, took off the Suspension, & admonish't Mr Steuart and the Meeting. All of them were exhorted to live in Amity & Affection with each other.

Susspension taken off Mr Steuart.

Mr Halliday was appointed to be at Macasquy next Lord's Day, and, after preaching, to shew that People that the Suspension is taken off Mr Jas Steuart, & exhort that People to be very circumspect in receiving or entertaining any Evil Report of any Person, chiefly of Ministers.

All the Ministers to meet in an Interloqr at 8, & full Synod at 10 in the Morning. The Minutes of the Interloqr are annext to ye Synod Minutes.

Quo Tempore

Sederunt qui Supra. { Roll call'd after Prayer.

The Committee's 2d Overture concerning Robert Stevenson's Appeal, nigh Derry (referring to a Libell against Mr Wm Gray, of Taugboyne), from the Meeting of Derry to this Synod, & the Reasons of the Appeal were read; also the Meeting of Derry their Refer of that Affair to this Synod, wherein are Answers to the Reasons of the Appeal; likewise Robert Stevenson's Supplication to this Synod was also read, wherein he desires that a Committee of Judicious Ministers be appointed to meet as nigh Derry as may be, yet the Members of Derry Meeting not to be Judges of the Lybell. The Reasons of this his Desire were he could not bring his Evidences for Proof of the Libell hither. The Minutes of Derry Meeting were call'd for. Mr Winsly &

Mr Gray's Affair.

Mr Jas Stirling read what concerns the Matter in Hand, in the several Steps since the Rise of that Process, in which it appears that Mr Wm Gray & Eliz: Paterson were marryed, by the Testimony of Henry Kelso & his Wife (the Wife is since dead); that the Marraige was about 4 Years ago, but would not name the Person that solemnis'd the marraige, because oblidg'd to conceal the Person's Name, but that it was by an episcopal Minister in the Diocess of Rapho; also Mr Wm Gray, before the Meeting with Correspondents from Convoy & Colerain, acknowleg'd that they were marry'd, but would not discover the Name of the Person who marry'd them. The Meeting sustain'd the Marraige, yet suspended Mr Gray for this his Offensive Marraige, requiring Him to make publick Acknowledgment of his Sin before the Congregation of Taughboyne, in this his Misbehaviour, he performing what is herein enjoyn'd before Mr Robert Campbell, who was appointed to preach, also to be Witness to Mr Gray's Acknowledgment. Mr Gray making the Acknowledgment before Mr Cambell aforesaid, the Suspension should be taken off. Yet Information being made that Rob: Stevenson has many Things whereof to accuse Mr Gray, takeing of the Suspension was delay'd. A Letter from R: Stevenson by John McClevy, in Answer to Mr Cambell, giving Account of the Meeting's Actings in that Affair, in which Letter is a Libell consisting of 10 or more heavy Accusations, as Uncleaness, Drukeness, despising the Godly, &c:, laid to Mr Gray's Charge; Rob: Stevenson, apprehending that he got not Justice from Derry Presb:, appeal'd from thence to this Synod. (This Letter, wherein the Lybell is, is in Mr Winsly's Hands.) In the Minutes it's said Mr Jones knew nothing scandalous in Mr Gray's Carraige. Supplications by Mr Boyle, &c:, were read, in Name of the People of Taugboyne, wherein is held forth, that the Suspension of Mr Gray so long, thô Rob: Stevenson has not proven his Libell, is gravanimous to them, therefore pray that there be a speedy Determination of that Affair.

We then adjourn'd till 3 *a Merid:*,

Sess: 4ta. *quo Tempore sederunt qui supra.* { After Prayer & Roll call'd,

Derry Minutes read.

The former Affair about R: Stevenson & Mr Wm Gray was resum'd, the Presbytery of Derry Minutes being further read, wherein Many were mention'd & appear'd as Evidences against Mr Gray, but what they said was on hear-say; also Eliz: Reid, of whom many swear she was infamous, so could not be sustain'd as an Evidence, but to be look't on as a Slanderer—some gave a favourable Testimony of said Reid. So far these Minutes of Derry.

There being in the Appealant's Lybell mention of some Scandall on Mr Wm Gray while in Scotland, the said Robt was inquir'd as to the Time when, & what it was. He answer'd, if he be allow'd Time, he will prove it by unexceptionable Witnesses. Several Ministers present—Mr Lang, Mr Kennedy, Junr, & Mr Darragh—declar'd that they knew Mr Wm Gray in Scotland, & never heard any thing of him that was indecent. Some of them were then his Bed-fellows. It's reported he never was in Scotland but at the Colledge, save once, when he went to

see his Uncle. R: Stevenson being askt if he have further to add as Reasons of his Appeal, he referr'd Himself to the Appeal & his Petition, which were again read. Joⁿ Harvy, late Chamberlain in Derry, spake what he knew of the Appeal.

Robert Stevenson's Appeal sustain'd.

The Synod then came to vote (the Partys being remov'd) whether, from what has been heard in the Appeal, & in the Minutes of Derry Meeting, there appearing some Failure in these Minutes, that there is not a full Account of what past, & a material Thing (as was suggested by R: Stevenson) ommitted, viz:, what Eliz: Reid had to shew to Ministers appointed by the Presb: of Derry, which she could not (as she said) in Modesty speak before the open Presbytery, where there was a great Confluence of People; also, there appear'd a great Acrimony & Warmness in that Meeting, which Mr Hen: Hamilton & Mr Crawford did observe, being then present, & do here declare. On the Whole, the Synod sustain'd the Appeal.

T: Boyne Supplicaōn read.

Taugboyne Commission to present a Supplication, subscrib'd by a multitude of Hands, was read, also the Supplication wherein that People earnestly desire that the Suspension may be taken of their Minister, Mr Gray, & thereby he be restor'd to the Exercise of his Ministry among them, & that he may be vindicated from those abominable Reproaches cast on him by Rob: Stevenson & his Acomplices; also a Supplication, from the Session of Taughboyne to the Meeting of Derry, to the same Purpose was read; also a Letter from Aldr Lennox, Alder: Kennedy, & others in Favour of Mr Gray, were read.

The Synod next proceeded to require Proof of the Lybell against Mr Gray.

R: Stevenson supplicates for a Comm: to do.

Rob: Stevenson supplicated this Affair be discust by a Committee as aforesaid. Taughbone urg'd that the Synod would not allow that, because it would prolong the discussing of the Affair, & that would be great Prejudice to them by the Continuance of the Susspension on their Minister, & that Stevenson boasted that he would bring the Matter from the Presb: to the Synod, & from the Synod to the Presb: again. To prove that he so said, Archd Mohan was advanc'd, who said that he, passing by a Door, heard R: Stevenson say, that if he could keep Mr Gray under the Suspension for a Year he would be satisfy'd. Two other Persons spake to the same Purpose.

Mr Gray resents ye Suspenōn continued.

The several Artickles of the Libell being read, & Rob: Stevenson was requir'd to prove every of them, he answer'd that he could prove every of them, but had not his Witnesses here. He urg'd for a Committee as formerly, & being asserted by R. Stevenson that Mr Lynn's Reputation was wrong'd by Certificates given in by Mr Gray to the Prēsby, that Mr Linn should have said that one Marshall told him that another Marshall was to have an hundred Pound if he would marry Eliz: Paterson, Mr Gray produc'd, sworn before a Magistrate by Marshall, that he was never offer'd any Money on such an Account (this is more distinctly held forth in the Lybell). Mr Gray resents that the Suspension is continued, thô he perform'd what was requir'd by his Prēsby, & that upon so groundless Accusations, for they neither have been nor can be proven.

A Com: of Min^{rs} & Eld^{rs} to meet at Strabane.

The Partys being remov'd, we came to consider this Lybell, for Proof of which the Appealant had no Evidence. Thô we might have judged the Affair now, the Appeal being sustain'd, yet willing to be tender of Mr Gray, & R: Stevenson may have no Shadow of Complaint, & that we may have all the Light that may be for finding out the Truth, We came to this Vote—appoint a Committee, consisting of Ministers & ruling Elders, who may meet in some Place nigh Derry. Some Places being nam'd, it was carry'd by Plurality of Votes that 2 Ministers & 2 Elders go out of every of our eight Prēsbys (The Meeting of Derry is to send none); that this Committee meet at Strabane, on the first Wednesday of July next, at 10 a Clock in the Morning—Mr Wm Holmes, Min^{r} of Strabane, is to preach—any 20 of the aforesaid Number making a Quorum; and if either Min^{r} or Elder fail, the Prēsby whereof he is a Member is to send one in his Room. The Ministers nam'd to be Members of this Committee, who were well approven by this Synod:—From Down, Mess^{r}: Hen: Hamilton, Thos Orr; Belfast, Mr Pat: Adair, Ro^{bt} Sinclair; Antrim, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Abernethy; Tyrone, Mr Crooks, Mr Maxwell; Ardmagh, Mr Lang, Mr Gilbert Kennedy; Monaghan, Mr Wm Corwall, Mr Bap^{t} Boyd; Coleraine, Mr Haltridge, Mr Thos Sterlin; Convoy, Mr Haliday, Mr Holmes, Senr.

Mr Holmes, of Strabane, to give Sumonses to Rob: Stevenson,

There being twenty six Days till the appointed Time of this Committee mention'd, whereof R: Stevenson shall have 13 Days, which will be the twentyeth Ins^{t}. What Summonses he wants, Mr Wm Holmes, of Strabane, is to deliver them to him for Evidences in the Prosecution of this Affair. The other 13 Days Mr Gray is to have the Names of the Witnesses given by Robt: Stevenson. Mr Holmes is to give to Mr Gray, or to any sent by Him immediatly after they come to his Hand, so that Mr Gray may have due Time to prepare his Defences. Derry Prēsby was Summon'd *apud Acta* to be at Strabane, & have their Minutes what Necessary there. Mr Holmes is also to Give to Mr Gray what Summonses he wants as to citing the Evidences. R: Stevenson judging it onerous to him to summon all the Evidences which he may stand in need of, Mr Holmes is, therefore, appointed to imploy some honest Men at our Charge, to summons what Evidences may be return'd to him by R: Stevenson, to be at Strabane on the Day prefix'd.

& cite the Evidences at our Charge.

This Committee is impowr'd to hear, judge, & determine what was contain'd in a Lybell subscrib'd by R: Stevenson against Mr Wm Gray, which Libell was produc'd to this Synod, and, according to the Evidence, inflict or absolve according to Church Rules. R: Stevenson oblidges himself to submitt to what Determination the aforesaid Committee shall make.

The Exact Coppy of this was given to Mr Wm Holmes, who may give a Transcript to such as are concern'd, *i.e.*, to Mr Gray & Rob: Stevenson. There were the Names of about 59 Witnesses return'd to us here by R: Stevenson for Proof of the Libell; which Paper or List was return'd to Mr Holmes.

Supplys to Athlone.

Major Thos Handcock produc'd a Commission from the Congregation of Athlone to manage their Affair. He desir'd Supplys (as formerly) till the next Synod; & that they may be assisted in an orderly

Way for their Planting with Gospell Ordinances, he promis'd that People will do to the Supplyers as formerly. Their Supplication was unanimously granted. The Major propos'd a Scheme of those Min^rs, which he humbly belives may make a Comfortable & profitable Prēsby at Athlone. The said Sceheme was read. The Major's Zeal & Diligence for our Interest was greatly approven. As to the Supplys appointed, the Prēsbys are to send as formerly; which the several Presbyterys are to observe.

Gallway, by their Commissioner, Mr Evan Taylor, supplicates that this Synod will be equally kind to that Congregation as before, by granting to them 10£ in the Year for their Assistance in supporting the Gospel there. As to allowing them that Money, it is to be considered afterward—if the following Moddell succeed, we will be eas'd of that, as also that the Synod may recommend them to some Prēsby who may supply them with Preaching till next Synod. The Major, Mr Wm Biggar, and others did shew it to be of great Consequence to take Care of that Place. Gallway sūplicates for sūplys. Sūplys apt^d.

The Meeting of Down is to supply Gallway with Preaching till next Synod.

For Encouragement to that & such new Erections, Mr Clot: Upton propos'd that there may be subscriptions by Gentlemen; with which Proposal Mr Arth: Maxwell & others present readily agreed. Dr Ferguson did shew he hath something in Agitation with Reference to another Congregation, which he has brought on some Length. These 2 to be carry'd on equally, viz:, Dundalk & Galway. The Fund to be dispos'd of by the Synod's Appointment. The following Gentlemen in our Respective Prēsbys were earnestly desir'd to promote the Subscriptions, & a Minister or more of each Prēsby to concurr with them :— From Down, Capt Stevenson, Mr John Blackwood, Mr Will: Biggar; from Belfast, Mr Upton, Mr Maxwell, Mr Dollway, Mr Edmonston of Duntreath, Mr Henry Chads of Belfast, Mr John Malcome; from Antrim, Capt Shaw, Mr John Shaw, Mr Abernethy; from Colerain, Coll: Hamilton, Mr Galland, Mr Heylan, Mr John Thompson, M^r R: Haltridge, Mr Woodside; from Derry, Ald^r: Lennox, Mr And: Ferguson; from Convoy, Capt Henderson, Mr Mortimer, Mr Holmes of Strabane; from Tyrone, Mr And: Steuart, Mr Wm Cunningham, Mr John Thomb; from Ardmagh, Capt Muro, Mr Gilbert Kennedy; from Monaghan, Mr Cairns of Monaghan, Mr Cavins of Ogher, Mr Darrogh. The Formula of the Paper to be subscrib'd is as follows, which formula, with the Moddel laid down, was voted & well approven :— Proposal for subscripōns for Assistance to new Erections.

At A General Synod, held at Antrim, June 4th, 1706, An Overture being made to this Synod by some Gentlemen, that an Application be made to some publick spirited Gentlemen of our Persausion & others for their Subscriptions out of Charity to the Souls of Men, to pay something yearly for the Support of Gallway, Dundalk, & other weak Congregations & places that sincerely desire it. The which motion was kindly entertain'd, & the Management of the same is earnestly recommended in the several Prēsbys subject to this Synod, to the prudent Care & Diligence of the Persons above mention'd; which Prēsbys are requir'd to give their Assistance, if needfull, in promoting this so charitable & good Work. Formula for Subscripōns.

The Interloq^{r} to meet at 7, the Committee to meet at 8, & Synod at 9 in the Morning.

Belfast & T:-Patrick about Mr James Kirkpatrick.

The Committee's 3^{d} Overture—Belfast having supplicated by Mr Wm Crawford, Dr Ferguson, Mr Thos Crawford, and others from that Congregation, shewing that their Revd Pastor, M^{r} Jo: McBride, is absent from them; that he advis'd them, with the Concurrence of Belfast Meeting, to provide an Assistant to him if he return, & who may succeed him if he do not return; that the People have sufficiently instructed that the Charge is so great that there is Work abundantly for two Ministers—of this the Meeting of Belfast (under whose Inspection that Congregation is) is sufficiently inform'd; that they, with Allowance of their Prēsby, have given a Call to Mr James Kirkpatrick, of Temple-Patrick, to be transported to Belfast. They, therefore, now desire that the Synod may be pleas'd to appoint a sufficient Number of Correspondents, who, with the Meeting of Belfast, may finally determine that Affair, so that Belfast be not unnecessarily delay'd or left at an Uncertainty till next general Synod. Mr Upton, with other Commissioners from Temple-Patrick, shew that they are ready to agree that Matter either in the Committee or full Synod. They objected against the sufficiency of a Delegation, & that M^{r} McBride is absent, & the Reasons for that Temple-Patrick saw not till Friday last. Belfast say that they only insist on the Management of their Supplication, the Committee not knowing whether T:-Patrick Comm^{rs} came here by Advice or Injunction of their Meeting. T:-Patrick said they had no such Warning, but they came of their own Accord. Mr Wm Kennedy said that he askt the Meeting if T:-Patrick might be allow'd to supplicate the Synod in their Bussiness if needfull. Mr Adair, Moderator of Belfast Meeting, says that T:-Patrick Comiss^{r} was allow'd, on his Desire, to apply to the Synod. Mr Adair was also interrogated whether the Meeting of Belfast saw any Commission or Supplication from T:-Patrick since that Time; to which he answer'd, they saw none.

The Committee (partys being remov'd) came to this Vote, & agreed to overture to the Synod, that the Meeting of Belfast follow the ordinary Steps in such Cases.

Hora 9na, Quo Tempore

sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

The Committee's Overture.

The Committee's Overture anent Belfast being read, Belfast Comission & Supplication were read, also the Commission from T:-Patrick, & a Letter from Arth: Upton, Esqr, in Favour of T:-Patrick. Partys being heard & remov'd, the Synod came to a Vote—grant the Supplication or not? It was carry'd, not grant the Supplication, by Plurality of Votes. The Partys being call'd, this Minute was read unto them.

Supplys grated to Belfast.

Belfast, by Mr Brice Blair & others, supplicated for Supplys, considering the Absence of their Minister, & the Importance of that Congregation, their many Sick, &c: The Supplication being read, wherein they Desire that who supplys them continue with them for a Month together, It was voted, grant their Supplication *in Terminis* or

not? It was carryed, grant it *in Terminis*. Down Meeting was appointed to supply Belfast Congregation for the Month of July; Belfast for Agust; Antrim for September; Tyrone, October; Ardmagh, November; Monaghan, December; Colerain, Jan^{ry}; Derry, February; Convoy, March: which was voted & approven.

Mr Mairs loos'd from Longford.

A Refer from the Prēsby of Monaghan, concerning Mr John Mairs, who, for many insupportable Grievances, apply'd to his Prēsby of Monaghan for Relief, by loosing his Relation from the Congregation of Longford; and this he urges in Pursuance of the Act of his Settlement there, viz:, if his Grievances should prove intolerable, he should be loos'd from that Place without any Trouble of Transportation. That Prēsby being interrogated, & their Minutes relating thereunto being read, wherein appears, thô they were sensible of his Grievances, as his Wife's loosing her Health, his own Craziness, and Greatness of the Charge, yet were unwilling to loose him, hoping that his Wife might recover her Health, & Affairs Prove more comfortable; yet he pressing, because of the aforesaid Grievances and other Inconveniencys which he doth not insist on, the Meeting were not clear to loos him, but rather referr'd it to the Synod who fixt Him there. Also they advertis'd the Congregation of Longford to give in their Reasons why Mr Mairs' Relation from that Congregation should not be loos'd. M^{r} McCutchon, Comm^{r} from Longford, shews that he sought Reasons from that People, but they gave none. He supplicated for supplys. All which being consider'd, we came to a Vote (Mr Mairs & the Com^{r} being remov'd), loose Mr Mairs' Relation from the Congregation of Longford? It was carryed, loose. The Partys being call'd, this was read to them. As to Supplys to that Congregation, the Com^{r} was appointed to tell that People to repair to their own Prēsby of Monaghan; and who supply Athlone give that Congregation a Sabbath coming or going, with the Supplyer's best Conveniency.

Colerain Affair.

From Colerain appear'd James Austin, Hugh Bankhead, & Andrew Hunter, Comm^{rs}. Their Supplication about Mr Gemble was read, also a Refer from the Meeting of Colerain; which two Matters were consider'd by this Synod, we finding our last Synod Minute relateing to Mr Gemble signifys that we did not judge Mr Gemble a fit man for Colerain, and we are yet of the same Mind. Mr Fisher was then appointed to preach to that People, and conveen some of the more judicious of the Congregation, and shew them our Judgement of Mr Gemble as to that Post, & due Care shall be taken of that Congregation. It being inquir'd if Mr Fisher preach'd there, it was answer'd he did not, for that was disuaded by some of that Meeting, lest he should breed a Flame among that People. That Prēsby having appointed Mr Gemble to preach at Colerain, notwithstanding of the Synod's Advice that he was not a Fit Person for Colerain, some of the Members protesting against said Appointment, which Protestation, subscribed by some of the Members, with Reasons of the Protestation, was now read, and the Answers of those from whom they had Cause to protest; all which, with Referrence to Mr Gemble, this Raising Heats among the Brethren of that Meeting, greatly to the Prejudice of our Interest, & stumbling to the People in those Bounds: the Synod, willing to have that Rent made up, & hopeing that there may be a

Meeting of Colerain.

Disposition in the Brethren of that Meeting to bury these misaprehensions of each other, appointed Mr Iredell, with some other Brethn, to go & converse with that Meeting. These Brethren having convers'd with them, Report that there is a hopefull Prospect of Amity among them, & that they will pass all—one of the Meeting having receiv'd a Letter from another of the Meeting which much aggriev'd him, yet did tear it, being advis'd thereto; whereby it appears he will pass it. The Meeting being call'd in, & this Report being very savoury to the Synod, the Brethren *coram* did forgive each other, & profess mutual Friendship; &, as an outward Symbol of their Amity, did joyn Hands, for which Disposition they were greatly commended. The Synod recommended to every of them to speak to their several Sessions & People that they live in Concord, & bury all former Misapprehensions of Minrs & Elders, which they promis'd to do.

Colerain not allow'd to invite Mr Gemble.

Colerain, by their Comrs, James Austin, Hugh Bankhead, and Andrew Hunter, supplicated as aforesaid, wherein they shew that they apply'd to their Prēsby of Coleraine to concurr with them in inviteing Mr Gemble to this Kingdom, in order to his being their Minr. The Comrs being remov'd, the Supplication was again read, & we agreed as formerly, that Mr Gemble is not the fitt Person for Colerain, so can't allow them to invite Mr Gemble over for their desired End; but advis'd that People to wait on God, &, by Advice & with Countenance of their Meeting, it may issue in their comfortable Settlement. The Comrs being call'd, & this read to them, they further said, that they have in Commission from their People to desire that this Synod would allow some Brethren to go thither & supply them, & endavour to heal the Rents there. This Desire being considered, we agreed to send Mr Alexr McCrackan, Mr James Bruce, Mr Fulk White, Mr Holmes of Strabane, Mr James Cobham; these Minrs' Charge to be Supply'd by their respective Presbytrys while they are at Colerain; every of these Minrs to be at least 2 Sabbaths there; Mr James Cobham to go thither on Sabbath come eight Days; & so the others are to be concerted in their several Prēsbys.

A Declaraōn in Favour of Thos Harvey satisfying.

Whereas, it was alledg'd that Mr Thos Hervey, son of Mr James Harvey, nigh Derry, was guilty of uncleaness with Susan Hamilton—A Declaration made, subscrib'd & sworn before a civil Magistrate by Susan was here read, wherein she shews that the said Thos Harvey had never known her carnally, & that she had not seen him for Twelve Months before she brought forth the Child; which Declaration being read, was satisfying to this Synod.

Lurgan Affair.

The Committee overtur'd that Lurgan Affair be discust in the Synod. John McCaal, Comr from Lurgan, being call'd, the Supplication was read, wherein they supplicate that the promis'd Assistance of 10£ from Belfast Synod ℘ Annum, & as much from Monaghan Synod, to support the Gospel in Lurgan, be continued, otherwise they will be depriv'd of their Minr, they no ways being able to maintain Him. It was voted, continue that bountifull Assistance to Lurgan till next Synod or not? It was carry'd, continue it till next Synod; & who have not pay'd up their Proportion to do it *primo quoq: Tempore.*

An Appeall from Taugboyne to this Synod, from the Presbytery of Derry, in Reference to Mr Thos Harvey, Minr of Donnagh. The People of Taughboyne being call'd to prosecute their Appeall before this Synod, but not appearing, we cannot discuss that Matter here, therefore the Appeal was return'd to the Prēsby of Derry. That Prēsby is to examine Those of Taughboyne concern'd herein, & censure them for not prosecuting their Appeall.

Taugboyn to be cēsur'd for not prosecuting their Apeal.

The Clerk extracted the Acts & general Rules out of the general Synod, as appointed, & sent Coppys thereof to the several Presbyterys.

Moyra Congregation, by their Comr, Wm Moor, &c:, supplicated that, whereas some adjacent Familys to Moyra are annexed to Lisburn & Glenavy Congregations, therefore these Familys may be disjoyn'd from the said Congregations & annext to Moyra Congregation; & this will assist them in supporting the Gospel, Moyra Congregation being a new Erection in Comparison of those from whom it's supplicated the Familys may be taken. It appearing that these Congregations have not been advertis'd thereof, the Committee overtur'd that Belfast Presbytry ripen this Affair, that it may come into the Synod of Belfast.

Moyra Supplicaōn

John Boyd & John Workman of Macasquy, supplicate that considering they have so many grievous Things to lay to Mr Steuart's Charge, beside what is already given in, that there is no Prospect of his Doing Good in that Place as a Minr; that therefore the Synod would not send him thither to preach, for none of that Place will hear him. Which Supplication being read, the Synod agreed that the Clerk write a Letter in our Name to Mr Steuart (the Coppy of the Letter to be *in Retentis*); that seeing that it is neither his nor the People's Interest that he should go thither, that therefore he would demitt his Charge; which Advice, if he do not take, the Prēsby consider what further to be done.

Mr Steuart, of Macasquy, to demitt his Charge.

Capel-Street Commission to James Kennedy, Esqr, to supplicate this Synod in Behalf of that Congregation, which Commission & Supplication were read, in which it's desir'd that they may have a Colleague to their Minr, Mr Iredell; in the Mean Time that the Synod will please to appoint Supplys to assist Mr Iredell till next Synod (the like Request has been formerly granted), or till they get a Colleague. The Supplication being again read & considered was granted—that every of our Prēsbys supply that Congregation for 6 Weeks, except Convoy, who is to supply only 4 Weeks; Belfast Prēsby to supply that Congregation the first 6 Weeks, & that to begin on the first Sabbath of July; Down the following 6 Weeks; Antrim, Tyrone, Ardmagh, Monaghan, Colerain, Derry, every of those Prēsbys to supply 6 Weeks, & Convoy 4 Weeks. Mr Crawford from Belfast Presbytery (Capel-Street belonging to Belfast Prēsby), goes the first 6 Weeks, Mr James Bruce from Down the next 6 Weeks; the several other Presbyterys to chuse their Supplyer at their first Sederunt, & intimate the same to Mr Iredell. Mr Iredell is to give seasonable Advertisement to the several Prēsbys to send their Supplyer. All which was voted & unanimously approven.

Capel-Street Supplicaōn.

Supply granted till next Synod, or till they get a Colleague to their Minr.

The Synod having much Bussiness, & kept together even till Saturday Afternoon, & there being a Necessity of closing this Synod,

that the Country may not be depriv'd of Preaching on the Lord's Day —therefore concluded, that revising Synod Books, & Report of the same, what Overtures should have been made to this Synod, & what in the last not consider'd in this Synod, may be referr'd to the next Synod; & many Brethren having far to go, went away without Leave, our Shortness of Time will not allow us to consider such Absents now, therefore referr'd them to the Consideration of the several Prēsbys; also, not having Time to read the Minutes, we recommend it to the Mod^{r} & Clerk to revise them.

Time & Place of next Synod.

The Time & Place of the next Synod was voted to be on the first Tuesday of June next, wch will be in the Year 1707—Sermon to begin at 5 a Clock that Afternoon—at Antrim.

Interloquitur Ist.

1st. Mr Bruce (thô appointed) did not send the Coppy of Mr Brodrick's Advice about R:D: The Clerk is appointed to write to him about it. Mr Iredell received the 2 Pistols appointed Gratuity to Mr Brodrick, from Mr Thos Crawford, out of R:D:

Gratuity to Mr Brodrick.

R:D: to Mr Hook.

2^{d}. A Letter from Mr Thos Berry & Irwin Administrators to the late Mr Thos Hook, Min^{r} in Francis-Street, with Reference to R:D: what may be due to Mr Hook. We considering his commencement and Right to that, being June, 1704, & he dyed Demb^{r} last, then he should have a year & a half, deducting Defalcations. However, we agreed that a Year be given; Mr Crawford to give it speedily to Mr Iredell, for the Use of the Adm^{rs}.

Mr Crawford (as appointed) sent his Account of R:D: to the several Prēsbys, as the Prēsbys now acknowledge. He is to be sent for & spoken to about the Remarks on his Account. We are told that he waited on for 2 Days, but now is gone on Urgent Affairs. This was referr'd to another Time.

The Synod's Comm: was not call'd.

The Synod's Committee did not meet, because Mr Iredell not having call'd it, he seeing no Cause of calling it. The Presb: of Belfast did shew that they, with Correspondents from Down, sent Mr And: Crawford Correspond^{t} to the Synod of Derry, sitting in Derry in Aprile last, & there represented the Trouble M^{r} McBride & other Brethren are in, & propos'd that the Min^{rs} are traduc'd & misrepresented, as if these who have a Hand in their Trouble (particularly Ld Abercorn) were imploy'd by us so to do; therefore, they sought that Synod's Advice, what to be done on our Part for exonering ourselves, & what may be for Relief to our Brethren, &, if necessary, to call the Synod's Committee. That Synod, in their Interloq^{r}, did ask their several Brethren, if any of them had any Hand in their Brethren's Trouble, & it did appear that none of them had. They did not see sufficient Cause to write to Mr Iredell about calling the Synod's Committee, chiefly the general Synod being so nigh. That Affair is now brought into the General Synod's Interloq^{r}. All declared they had no Hand in the Brethren's Trouble. There were Brethren—Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Mairs, & Mr Iredell—appointed to consider this Affair, & make an Overture. (By Hurry of Bussines it was not further minded).

The Coppy of the Letter sent to Mr Steuart, of Macasquy :—

ANTRIM, *June 8th*, 1706.

The Letter to Mr Steuart, of Macasquy.

RD & DR BROR,

I am appointed by the general Synod to signify to you, that it is their Opinion that your Stay in Macasquy is not likely either to be for the Edification of the People nor for your Comfort; therefore, do advise you to demitt your Charge in that Place, & depend on the Providence of God, that he may provide for you else where. Is, by the Appointment of the Synod, writ & subscribed by your

Afect: Bro:, AND: CRAWFORD, C:G:S:

About the non-jurant Brethren.

Our Brethren who could not have Clearness to take the Oath of Abjuration—Mr Gideon Jackque, Mr McCrackan, Mr Thos Stirlin—do own their just subjection to her Majesty, & that it is their Duty to pray for the Preservation of a protestant Interest. All here declar'd (being askt one by one by the Modr) that they have no Hand in their Brethren's Troubles, neither ever design'd it them. Mr Jacque & the other Brethren present were inquir'd if they were satisfy'd with the Declaration their Brn had made relating to them. They declar'd themselves satisfy'd, & they promis'd to shew to such with whom they may converse that there is no Ground of such Misrepresentations of us.

Interloquitur IId.

Comm: for Emergencys.

Touching the fixt Committee for Emergencys relating to this Church that may fall in—The several Presbyterys being requir'd to return the Names of these whom they design to be Members of the said Commte till next Synod—accordingly, Down Meeting return'd Mr James Bruce, Mr Orr; Belfast, Mr McCrackan, Mr Kirkpatrick; Antrim, Mr Jon Campbel, Mr Futt; Colerain, Mr Matt: Clark, Mr Jas McGrigor; Derry, Mr John Harvey, Mr David Wilson; Convoy, Mr Sam: Halliday, Mr Holmes, Senr; Cookstown, Mr Kennedy, Senr, Mr John Thomb; Ardmagh, Mr McClain, Mr Lang; Monaghan, Mr Ambrose, Mr Wm Cornwall; & what further to be observ'd, as at the last Synod, viz:, if any Member of this Committee fail, that Prēsby whereof he is a Member shall send one in his Room. The Clk: of the Synod to [be] a Member of the said Committee. Further, what ever Light & Instruction these Members of the Committee can have from their Prēsbys they shall take it, yet not so as to restrict them, because something not foreseen by the Prēsbys or Members of the Committee may fall in when the Committee meets; all which was voted & unanimously approven. It was also voted that Mr Iredell, with Advice of Bro: Sinclair in Dublin, call this Committee to Belfast. He is to write to Mr Craighead in Derry, Mr Jas Bruce, Mr John Hutcheson, thereby the three Synods be advertis'd, & he is to shew the Causes of calling said Committee, which Causes are to be shewn to the aforesaid Minrs, thereby the Prēsbys may know the Causes, as also to write to the aforesaid Minrs in all Matters of our common Concern. Mr Iredell to have

a Transcript of this from our Clerk. This Committee when call'd is to examine Mr Crawford's Account of R:D:

25£ to Mr Lee pay'd

As to the 10£ & 15£ appointed to Mr John Lee, payable by Mr Thos Crawford out of R:D:, or out of the 70£ 12s: design'd for publick Service, Mr Lee received the said 25£ 0: 0: from Mr Crawford, and there was 10£ 0: 0: to be continued yearly to Mr Lee till Brechy, his Congregation, may be in some Case to relieve us. There being 10£ due to him at this present June, the Clerk was appointed to write to his Brother, Mr Crawford, to pay the said 10£ to Mr Lee. Mr Pringle got the 5£ from Thos Crawford, but detain'd the other 5£ for Books given to the upper Prēsbys, Derry & Convoy, which Mr Crawford was to pay out of his own Pocket, is not paid. He is appointed again to pay the 5£ to Mr Pringle, & he may look after the Money for his Books from those Prēsbys. Mr Drummond is to write to Mr Crawford about this Affair, that it's to be done without Delay. Mr Sam: Henry to have an Extract of what relates to Mr Pringle, & shew it to Mr Crawford. It appearing that Mr Lee's outward Circumstances in Brechy are dolefull, he being remov'd, it was voted, continue the 10£ to him, according to the Minute of the last Synod? It was carry'd, to continue.

10£ ℘ An: continu'd.

10£ to Mr Pringle.

Inquiry being made whether Derry Synod have pay'd the appointed 10£ to Mr Pringle, payable at this Synod, it appears that many Members of that Synod have not pay'd it. The appointment is renew'd on Derry Prēsby to look after it.

Mr Clany.

A Letter, directed to Mr Jas Bruce & Mr Wm Smith, from Mr Rott: Paton, Minr of Drumfries, in name of Drumfries Prēsby, shewing that Mr Hugh Clany was depos'd by the Church of Scotland; that said Hugh came to this Kingdom & calumniates that Church, as is said; that he, after his Deposition, marryed People irregularly there, & when that Church design'd to enter on Process against him he came to this Kingdom. All the Brethren are requir'd to beware of the said Mr Clany, & where he is disorderly the Prēsby to consider the thing and act according to Church Rules. The several Prēsbys are to take a Coppy of said Letter.

Interloquitur IIId.

A Letter from Mr McBride about Mr Gemble.

A Letter from Mr McBride, now in Scotland, shewing that he was at the Synod of Glasgow on or about May 7th—this Latter was dated May 13th—was now read. It shews that Mr Rott: Gemble's Suspension is taken off in Scotland, on Condition he return not to Ireland, to which he expressly consented; that there were two sent from Colerain who spake most unbecominly of this Church. That Synod was greatly concern'd to see their Carraige. Mr McBride proposes, seeing such Carraige is very offensive, that we consider what is proper to be done. Mr McBride has been kind in so writeing, that the Rent at Colerain is in a probable way of healing; it's not fit now to fall on that.

Mr Bruce wrote to Mr Iredell about getting Acquittance of R:D: The Clerks return'd the Names of the Minrs to our Treasurer to do so now.

No Min^r or Min^rs have meddl'd wth any thing of our common Concern since last Synod.

As to studdying the Hebrew Psalter *ad Apert^m Libri*, is yet referr'd to next Synod.

Touching M^r McGauchy's Money, viz:, 5^s from each Min^r of this Synod, every Min^r who has not pay'd the said Money is appointed to transmitt it to Mr Thos Lyle, of Belfast, against the first of Agust; & also such as can procure it out of Vacant Congregations are to do it.

The Mod^r, Mr Malcom, & the Clerk to revise those Minutes, there not being Time to do it. The Particulars that are referr'd to the ensueing Synod, viz:—

1st. Report to be made by the appointed Revisers of the Sub-Synod Books, 1705. Glenarm.

2^d. Overtures from the Sub-Synods to the General Synod.

3^d. Overtures of Rules to be added to the former Rules for orderly & expeditious Managing Synodical Bussiness.

4th. Mr Crawford's Accom^ts of R:D:, also Mr Martin's Acco^ts of £8: 10: 0:

5. Report about the Questions to be propos'd to Intrants at their Ordinations. Mr And: Ferguson brought what had been done by Mr Craighead & him, which he had transmitted to the Synod of Belfast. Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, Mr Mairs, Mr Halliday, Mr Iredell, Mr Macclaine, & Mr Ja^s Kirkpatrick to revise that Draught & report to this Synod.

6. About Kirkdonnald, whether the Synod will ease that People of the 3£ to help the Min^r in his Farm, this being added to their former Quota, being 20£ & 20 Bolls of Oats.

7. About Tanrogee, if all have pay'd the appointed Collection.

8. If Min^rs' Maintenance continue to be manag'd by Committees. All to subscribe the Formula about R:D: as Occasion offers. Concluded by Prayer.

AND: CRAWFORD,
Clk: Syn: Genl.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 3^d, 1707.

Mr Thos Futt having opened this Synod by preaching, & after Sermon having constituted it by Prayer, *sederunt* the Min^rs & ruling Elders of this provincial Synod:—

DOWN MIN^RS.

Messrs	Elders.
James Bruce	Gawin Paterson
John Gaudy	John Hopp

Messrs	Elders.
Henry Hamilton	Matt: Scott
John Mairs	James Murray
Thos Orr	John Curry
Samuel Shennan	Alexr McComb
William Biggar	John Steel
James Montgomery	James Edwards
Thos Jackson	Wm Maxwell
William Smith	John Clerk
James Reid	Hugh Wallace
Hen: Livingston	Thos Millikin
Hugh Ramsay	Wm Johnson

BELFAST MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
John Malcom	James Wood
Alexr Sinclair	Joseph Toplis
Francis Iredell	
Alexr McCrackan	Thomas Bryson
James Kirkpatrick	Mr Thos Crawford
James Cobham	Mr Gilbert Hall
John Riddell	James Aitkin
Patrick Adair	John Paterson
Robert Sinclair	Robert Holmes
Thomas Gowan	James McKee

ANTRIM MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
John Campbell	John Campbell
Thos Futt	John McCarmick
Fulk White	Matt: Templeton
James Scott	Alexr Neilson
William Taylor	James Ritchy
Stafford Pettegrew	And: Wilson
William Leeche	Hugh Wallace
William Ogilvie	Robert Neilson
Alexr Brown	David Colman
John Abernethy	Wm Shaw, Esqre
Charles Mastertown	Robert Vernar

TYRONE MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
Thos Kennedy, Senr	Alexr Cuddie
John Thomb	And: Armstrong
Henry Crooks	David Thompson
James Maxwell	Hugh Moor
Thos Kennedy, Junr	John Boyd
John McClave	Alexr Knox

Messrs	Elders.
Archd Boyd	James Houston
John Boyd	James Fisher

ARDMAGH MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
John Hutcheson	James Reid
Archd Maclaine	Hugh Watt
Charles Wallace	
Moses Cherrie	George Ewart
Alexr Colvill	Robert Chalmers
John Wilson	
George Lang	James Cumming
Samuel Young	John Templeton
Gilbert Kennedy	Nathanl Montgomery
James Flemming	Myles Rely
Robert Rainey	George Grhame
Thomas Millikin	Nathll Dunlop

MONAGHAN.

Messrs	
John Lee	
William Cornwal	
Robert Darragh	Richard Grhame
Baptist Boyd	Robert Rawlston
Robert Coltheart	Wm Broomfield
Humphrey Thompson	Thos Armstrong
John McGauchy	John Ferys
James Tayt	James Irwin
Josias Cornwal	
Alexr Flemming	

COLERAIN MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
Hugh Kirkpatrick	James Agnew
James Steuart	
Mathew Clark	Samuel Reid
James McGrigor	David Gargill
Robert Haltridge	Mr Edward Galland
Thos Sterlin	William Wyly
John Maior	John Boyd

DERRY MINRS.

Robert Campbell	Wm Moor
Thos Harvey	And: McTyre
David Wilson	Robert Hopkin
Thos Winsly	James Kilgowr
Wm Gray	Walter Paterson

Messrs	Elders.
John Sterlin	Wm Wilson
Hans Steuart	John Russel
John Ball	

CONVOY MIN^{RS}.

Sam: Halliday	James Darragh
Wm Holmes, Senr	
Seth Drummond	Thos Moor
Wm Holmes, Junr	Thos Paton
And: Crawford	John Smith

Mod^{r} & Clk chosen.

Mr Futt, former Moderator, desir'd that another Moderator may be chosen; gave a Leet of the following Min^{rs}, viz:—Messrs Hen: Hamilton, John Malcom, Fulk White, John Thomb, John Hutcheson, Arch^{d} Macclane, Wm Cornwall, Matt: Clerk, Thos Harvey, Wm Holmes, Senr. Mr Hutcheson was chosen Mod^{r} by Plurality of Votes.

We agreed that And: Crawford continue Clerk to this Synod.

Absents excus'd.

Absent from this Synod—Messrs Alex^{r} Hutcheson, Wm Reid, John Frieland, John McBride, James Ramsay, Adam White, Robert Craighead, Neil Gray, Andrew Ferguson, James Woodside, Alex^{r} Gordon, Sam: Henry, John Harvey, Wm Ambrose, all who were by their Letters & Report of Brethren excus'd for their Absence from this Synod; but Rob: Neilson, Wm Houston, Thos Craighead, & Robt Drummond are to be censur'd by their Respective Presbytrys if there be not a relevant Reason for their Absence.

Considering that a Committee of Min^{rs} & Elders may, by their meeting in the Intervalls of the Synod, contribute much to the orderly Dispatch of Bussiness, see that Bussiness may come in orderly—they are also to make Overtures to this Synod—the Members of this Committee are as follows:—Ministers—Messrs Ja^{s} Bruce, Fulk White, James Kirkpatrick, Francis Iredell, Alex^{r} Sinclair, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Rott: Darrogh, Rott: Campbell, Thos Kennedy, Senr, Arch^{d} Macclain, Wm Holmes, Senr, the Mod^{r}, & Clerk. Ruling Elders—Capt: Wm Shaw, Mr Thos Crawford, Mr Gilbert Hall, Mr Edwd Galland, Mr Joseph Toplis, Mr John Boyd, Mr John Steel.

We then appointed the Committee to meet at 7, the Interloq^{r} at 8, & Synod at 10 in the Morning.

The Committee mett. What they did falls in it's proper place, in managing Synod Bussiness. The Interloq^{r} also mett. What was done therein is annext to those Minutes.

Sess: 2da, June 4th.

Hora 10ma,

quo Tempore sederunt qui pridie. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Rules read.

The Rules for orderly & expeditious managing Synodical Bussiness were read, & all were requir'd punctually to observe them.

For Revising Synod Books, we agree that the same Brethren who are present that revis'd last Year (Hurry of Bussiness & Straitness of Time not allowing their Report to be taken) shall revise also this Year. Mr Darragh, Mr McClane, Mr Holmes, of Urney, Mr Winsly (in absence of Mr John Harvey) are to revise Belfast Synod Book. Messrs Hen: Hamilton, Mr David Wilson, Mr John Malcom, Mr Rott: Haltridge to revise Monaghan Synod Book. Mr John Mairs, Mr Taylor, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Wm Cornwall to revise Derry Synod Book. The Clerks of the respective Synods to be with the Revisers. This Work to be done in the Intervalls of the Synod, & Report to be made of the Remarks of the two Years' Synods seasonably. Monaghan & Belfast delivered their Books. Derry has not a Book, but Minutes in Papers, which were also deliver'd to the Revisers. It was enjoyn'd that Synod, *sub pœna*, to have a Book, & fairly insert their Minutes, which may be produc'd at our next Synod. Synod Books.

Mr John Mairs, &c:, reported that Mr And: Ferguson did shew to them the Draught of Questions to be propos'd at Ordinations, fram'd by Mr Rott Craighead (as it's believ'd) & him. The Paper they saw & amended some things, also design'd to add further, but multitude of Synod Bussiness marr'd their finishing it, so the Paper is return'd to Mr Andw Ferguson, who is now absent. Mr Thos Kennedy & Mr John Hutcheson (the Latter being indispos'd) have not done more than was done last Year. This Affair has been long in Agitation, & not brought to any desireable Issue. We now agree that Mr Jon Hutcheson, Mr Iredell, Mr Bruce, & Mr Jas Kirkpatrick concert & draw up their Thoughts; Mr David Wilson to advertise Mr Andw Ferguson to send his Draught to Mr Jas Kirkpatrick at least in a Month, & when these Brn have done, to transmitt what is their Draught to the several Synods, so that the Work may be compleated against Genll Synod. Questions at Ordināons

Down Prēsby ordain'd Mr Hugh Ramsay at Drumca, May 7th; licens'd Mr Hugh Henry, Mr John Scott, to preach the Gospel. To enter Mr Mich: Bruce on Tryalls in order to licensing.

Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Rott: Rainey at Newry, June 25th, thô it was design'd to be on the 23d, yet by Mistake it so fell out, as appears under that Prēsby's Hand now read, so the Synod sustains it as if it had been on the 23d Day as was intended, so that Mr Rainey may no Way suffer by the Mistake; & they ordain'd Mr Thos Millikin at Kedy, Decembr 17th. They have enter'd on Tryalls for Ordination Mr Jas Johnson & Mr Wm McKay. They have on Tryalls in order to licensing Messrs James Moor, John Henry, Thos Anderson.

Cookestown ordain'd Mr John Boyd at Benburb, July 17; licens'd Mr John Kennedy.

Derry ordain'd Mr John Ball at , September 25; licens'd Mr Sam: Dunlop; enter'd him on Tryalls for Ordination: licens'd Mr Alexr McCrackan.

Belfast licens'd Mr Wm Livingston & Mr Rott Leckey. To enter Mr John Murtry on Tryalls in order to licensing.

Antrim licens'd Mr Wm Murdoch, Mr John Brennan, John Henderson. To enter Mr John Richy in order to licensing.

Colerain enter'd Mr Wm Boyd on Tryalls in order to licensing.

Convoy enter'd Mr Hugh Fisher in order to licensing. To enter Mr Wm Brown on Tryalls, & Mr John Dunlop on Tryalls, in order to Ordination.

The Clerks of the several Prēsbrys are appointed *pro futuro* to return in Write to the Clerk of the Synod the Names of the ordain'd & when, that he may have them ready seasonably to insert in ye Records.

Mr Thos Cobham, of Hollywood, in the Meeting of Belfast, dyed June 24th; Mr Peter Orr, of Clogh, in the Meeting of Colerain, Decemb^{r} 27th; Mr Ja^{s} Pringle, of Moyne, in the Meeting of Convoy, dy'd Jan^{ry} 1st, 1707.

Concerning the Affair of Drumbo & John Martin, Ex^{r} to Mr Bayly, Belfast Meeting reports that Affair is ended.

Macasquy—Mr Sam: Halliday went thither & perform'd what was appointed.

The Com: at Strabane—their Conclusion.

As to Mr Wm Gray & Ro^{tt} Stevenson—The Synod last Year having appointed a Committee of Min^{rs} & ruling Elders to meet at Strabane finally to determine that Affair; Inquiry being made whether that Committee mett & what they did; it appearing that they met, Mr Pettegrew, Clerk to that Committee, read the whole proceeding there. The whole being read, as also the Conclusion which they made, it appears in the said Committee Minutes that none of the nine Artickles against Mr Gray were proven; therefore they judg'd Robert Stevenson, who exhibited those Artickles, censurable, &, beside what they there enjoyn'd, referr'd to this Synod what farther Censure they should pass upon him for prosecuting on hearsays, & had not personal Knowledge of those Things alledg'd. It appears also by those Minutes that Mr Gray purg'd himself by voluntary Oath of those Abominable Things laid to his Charge; neither had he been tampering directly nor indirectly for the four Years, or the Time wherein he says he was marryed to Eliz: Paterson. That Committee's Diligence approven.

Mr Robert Campbell of Rye, in the Meeting of Derry, complain'd that Ro^{tt} Stevenson had greatly traduc'd him, whereas he deserved no such Thing at his Hand. Finding that the Committee at Strabane appointed Mr Halliday, & Mr Holmes, Senr, joyntly to receive satisfying Evidence of Mr Gray's Marraige, & so his Susspension should be taken off. Mr Halliday being inquir'd whether he & Mr Holmes did act joyntly in what was committed to them to manage, he reply'd Mr Holmes was not with him. He gave *in Scriptis* the Reasons why he took off Mr Gray's Suspension, & that he could not get Mr Holmes to joyn with him. The Extract out of the Bishop's Court in Rapho, was read here, shewing their being satisfy'd with Mr Gray & Eliz: Paterson's Proof of their Marraige; therefore they desisted from any further prosecuting him on That Account. Mr Holmes being askt why he did not joyn with Mr Halliday, he answer'd that he could not be clear to joyn with them, thô the Dismiss were obtain'd from the Court; but, pursuant to the Committee's appointment, he requir'd 2 unexceptionable Witnesses attesting the Minister's marrying Mr Gray & Eliz: Paterson

at the Time alledg'd. Mr Halliday & Mr Holmes, with the Partys concern'd, were remov'd. It was voted whether Mr Halliday be censurable for acting without Mr Holmes, as the Committee instructed. It was carryed, by plurality of Votes, that Mr Halliday is censurable for his so doing. Then it was voted, admonish, rebuke, or suspend Mr Halliday for acting so without Mr Holmes. It was carryed, by plurality of Votes, admonish him. The Partys being call'd, the Modr, in the Synod's name, admonish'd him. Mr Gray was call'd, & exhorted to walk humbly, for that he has dishonour'd God in the Matter of his Marraige. He profest Sorrow for the Offence he has given the Church in the Manner of his Marraige.

Mr Clotworthy Upton supplicated that Temple-Patrick, now belonging to Belfast Meeting, may be annext to Antrim Meeting. The Reasons of his Desire were, Temple-Patrick is more contiguous to Antrim, & Belfast has more Congregations. This would make the greater Parity; & Belfast has many crazy Members, therefore can't so supply T-Patrick with Ministers as sometimes were necessary. Belfast Meeting, by Mr Iredell, one of their Members, did shew how willing that Meeting is to do what Service they can to that Congregation & Mr Upton's Family; also propos'd that what that Congregation is deficient to Mr Kirkpatrick may be taken Care of by the Meeting of Antrim before this Annexation be. Antrim Meeting desir'd before the desir'd Annexation there may be a clear stated Account between Tem:-Patrick and Mr Kirkpatrick. Then it was voted, annex T:-Patrick Congregation to Antrim Meeting? It carryed, annex. T:-Patrick annext to Antrim Prēsby.

We adjourn'd till 3 *a Merid:*, then the Brn to meet in an Interloqr, & Synod at 4.

Quo Tempore Sess: 3tia.

sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

The Committee having overtur'd that Athlone Affair come into the Synod, Major Handcock having produc'd his Commission to act for that Congregation, which Commission being read did shew that they supplicated the Meeting of Monaghan that they might call Mr Samuel Magachy, a Probatr, that Meeting did agree to recommend the said Call. (Monaghan Meeting, by their Paper of Referrence to this Synod, shews that they, having read that Call to Mr Magachy, recommended it to his Consideration, with this Proviso, that they apprending Athlone Quota of 24£ ℔ annum to be too small, yet being incourag'd from the Consideration of Assistance to be given to Athlone from the Genll Synod, did therefore think fitt that Mr McGauchy be not put to give his Answere to the said Call untill the Circumstances of that Congregation in order to Assistance be laid before the Synod; & that Advice be taken; & that he be in Readiness to give his Answere then, or at next Meeting of Monaghan Presbytery thereafter—so far that Prēsby.) The Major desir'd that Mr McGauchy may now give his Answer. The Meeting of Monaghan being poss'd with this, they insisted on what they deliver'd as to the Circumstance of that Congregation. Some going out & conferring with Mr McGachy about that Athlone Affair.

Mr McGauchy return'd Athlone Call.

Call, returning, make Report that thô he has been seeking Clearness to accept that Call, yet can't be clear; so the Call was return'd. The Major desir'd a former Promise to that Congregation of this Synod be considered, viz:, if there be any Probationer on whom they may fix their Eye in any other Prēsby, that such Probat^r be allow'd to come to Monaghan Prēsby, who may invite such Young Man to come among them in order to Athlone's orderly Proceeding with him. They desire a Call may be given to Mr Sam: Dunlop, of Derrykigan, in the Meeting of Coleraine. The Synod propos'd this to the Presbytry of Colerain, who desir'd to go out & consider the Matter. They report (Mr Mairs & Mr Darragh having spoken to Mr Dunlop, who declar'd he cannot answer till he speak to his Presbytry of Colerain—these Brethren shew that he seems adviseable) that they greatly respect the Young Man yet will comply with what is desir'd, provided that he be comfortably settl'd by Monaghan Prēsby. They gave him *viva voce* an ample Recommendation. The Major desired that Athlone might have a Share of the Gen^ll Fund. The severall Presbytrys being inquir'd what Diligence they have been at in getting Subscriptions within their respective Bounds for promoting the said Fund, they could not give a Distinct Account now. It was referr'd till tomorrow; & such of the Gentlemen who have subscrib'd, that are present, are to meet & Overture to this Synod in Referrence to that. The Major urg'd that all Expedition consisting with orderly Steps may be made for getting Mr Dunlop among them. Monaghan promis'd to do what is orderly & expeditious. If Mr Dunlop faill, the Congregation of Athlone be supply'd by the several Prēsbys as formerly; which was agreed too. The Major produc'd the Receipts of the several Supplyers since last Synod, & also desir'd that his former Proposal about a Presbytery at Athlone be minded. That is *in Retentis*. That Monaghan order Mr Dunlop to supply Athlone for 3 Months, it being ordinary for such as have a Call to supply the Place calling for Ordinary.

Mr Sam: Dunlop.

Cork Call to Mr Gray.

Cork Affair came in by Allowance of the Committee. The Commission & Supplication, with the Call to Mr Wm Gray, were read. The Comm^rs, Mr Wm Jones & Mr Wm Softlow, earnestly intreated his accepting of it—Mr Sam^ll Lowthian, present Pastor in Cork, concurring with the People's Desire, as appears by his Subscription—& that the Synod will dispatch the Bussiness, considering their great Distance, & not having had Opportunity to be deuly acquainted with our Rules, chiefly in the Matter of Transportation. Derry Prēsby, to whom Mr Gray belongs, went out, as they were desir'd; returning, make Report that Call comes into the Synod, not to them; that they have not yet Clearness to recommend that Call to Mr Gray. Cork promises at present 50£ ℔ An:, without Defalcation from Mr Lowthian. Mr Iredell & Mr Sinclair shew that they have good Ground to believe what is desir'd is acceptable to the Min^rs in Dublin, as also to the Neighbouring Min^rs about Cork. Mr Gray (the Com^r being remov'd) desir'd he might speak on this Head; & what was done in the Interloq^r is set down here to make the whole clear. He believes nothing can be done in this Bussiness till Taugboyne be appris'd of it, as also his aged Father. He apprehends this Call doth not come in so seasonably now after such horrid Reproaches cast on him. To transport him now

Reasons why he can't accept it.

might give Occasion to People to think yet odly of him, and it would be great Ingratitude to leave them who had adher'd so faithfully & with great Affection in his Adversity, so that, considering the Circumstances of that Congregation of Taughboyne, if he should leave them, thô now united, he fears they may rent & not so easily heal again; which being consider'd, & his Father's Frailty, he can't think of that Call; yet he earnestly desired that Cork Comrs may be civily Treated, & due Care may be taken in supplying them. Two Minrs, Mr Iredell & Mr Bruce, were appointed to go out to the Comrs & shew to them how we are circumstantiate in this Affair, & see whether they may be willing to wait on what may be the Issue of this desir'd Transportation of Mr Gray, which may be uncertain; or if they would now have their Answer, which at present seems difficult, from what Mr Gray has said. The Minrs returning, reported that they communicated to the Comrs what they were enjoyn'd; who answer'd, seeing they can't now obtain Mr Gray, that the Synod would please to supply them, The Supplyer to be with them 3 Months together. They also desir'd that the Synod would please to write a Letter to Mr Lowthian, & to the People, to prevent their Mistakes. The Brethren told them it is not our Practice to transport till the Partys concern'd be duely advertis'd thereof.

The Comrs desire ye Synod to Supply yt Congregation.

We agreed to supply that Congregation till our next Synod.

The Presbytrys having return'd the Names of Probationers, it was concluded that one be sent out of each of the 3 particular Synods, beside Mr Wm Gray, every of those Supplyers to supply the Place 3 Months. From Belfast Synod, Mr Thos Shaw (Antrim Meeting Probatr) to supply the Months of July, Agust, Septembr. From Monaghan Synod, Mr Sam: McGauchy (Monaghan Probr) to supply the Months of Octobr, Novembr, Decembr. From Derry Synod, Mr Robt Craighead (Derry Probr) to supply the Months of Aprile, May, June.

Supplys to Cork.

Mr Wm Gray to supply the Months of Janry, Febry, March. If any thing fall in which may occasion his Return before the Expiration of that Time, he is appointed to advertise Mr Craighead seasonably. All which was voted & unanimously approven. The Extract of this Minute to be given to the Commrs.

If any unforeseen Inconveniency happen which may hinder the Supplyers nam'd, the respective Prēsbys, to whom such young men belong, shall send others whom they judge fittest for the Place.

Capel-Street Affair being brought by the Committee into this Synod, The Commission to negociate that Affair and Supplication were read; also a Call to Mr Laghlen Campbell, of Kyntire, to be Colleague to Mr Iredell being read & considered, Mr Iredell, commissionate to manage that Affair, earnestly desir'd the Synod's Concurrence with that People, & also the Presbytry of Belfast (who declare, as they did before in their Meeting, that they chearfully concurr with the said Call) in laying down such Measures as their Desire may be obtain'd. The Call being again read, was found to be an orderly Call. Many Brethren gave a desireable Character of the said Mr Laglin Campbell. It was, after Reasoning, voted whether we shall concurr with the said Call? It was carryed *nem: contr:*, concurr. For the Better effecting what is desir'd, we agreed to send Letters to Scotland; Mr John

C:-Street Call to Mr Laghlen Campbel.

Campbel was appointed to write to Mr Laglen Cambell, who is now in Scotland; Mr Arcd Maclaine to write to the Prēsby of Kintire; Mr Abernethy to write to the Synod of Argile; Mr Jas Kirkpatrick to write to the Commission of the Kirk: which Letters are to be written, &, when approven, to be subscrib'd by Modr & Clerk. The letter to Mr Campbell was writt & subscrib'd by Modr & Clerk; the Coppy is *in Retentis;* that to be sent away immediately; the other three were writ & subscrib'd, to be transmitted as shall be judged fitt by the Meeting of Belfast; Mr Iredell is to leave them with that Meeting. That People's Supplication and Call are lodg'd with Belfast meeting, to which the Conduct of that Affair is committed in an orderly Way. Mr Iredell shewing that he wants two of the Supplys appointed by the last Synod, viz:, from Derry & Ardmagh Meetings, this Synod appointed each of these Meetings to supply Capel-Street for six Weeks. They are to signify their Supplyer to Mr Iredell, so that he may give seasonable Advertisement to the said Supplyers.

Colerain was supply'd as appointed, except by Mr Bruce, who, for his Reasons given, was excus'd. That People supplicate for supplys & advice as to their replanting. Every Prēsby is to advise whom they will send against next Sedt. We adjourn'd. The Committee to meet at 7, Interloqr at 9, & Synod at 11 in the Morning.

Sess: 4ta. *Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra.* (After Prayer & Roll call'd.)

Suplys to Colerain. The several Prēsbys return'd the Names of those whom they design shall supply Colerain till Derry Synod, if they be not planted before that Time. From Down, Mr John Scott to supply Colerain the first 3 Sabbaths of July next; from Belfast, Mr Jas Blair the first 3 Sabbaths of Agust; from Antrim, Mr John Henderson the first 3 Sabbaths of Septembr; from Tyrone, Mr David Thomb the first 3 Sabbaths of Octobr; from Derry, Mr Rott Craighead the first 3 Sabbaths of Novemr; from Convoy, Mr Francis Laird the first 3 Sabbaths of Decemr; from Monaghan, Mr Hare the first 3 Sabbaths of Janry; from Belfast, Mr Wm McKnaight ~~the first~~ 3 Sabbaths of Febry; from Down, Mr Hugh Henry the first 3 Sabbaths of March; Ardmagh have not at the Time any Probatrs. The Meeting of Colerain is appointed to supply that People what Sabbath or sabbaths shall be more in each Month than the 3 Sabbaths above mention'd; this in order to their Replanting with Gospel Ordinances. It was recommended to Colerain Meeting to see that the Supplyers be acknowledg'd by Colerain People. Jas Austin and others, Commissionate from that Congregation, readily promis'd that due Care shall be taken thereof. The Extract of this Minute was given to Mr Austin.

Mr Steuart's Affair. Mr James Steuart, of Macasquy, preferr'd a Paper intituled (the Grievances of Mr Jas Steuart), which was allow'd by the Committee to come in to this Synod. The Paper being read *coram,* he was requir'd to prove the several Artickles thereof. He complain'd that that Meeting of Colerain had loos'd him. Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick gave Reasons why they loos'd him. Mr Steuart was askt if he observ'd this Synod's Advice to him to demitt his Charge at Macasquy. That Latter,

with the Advice, was now read, & also the Minute, which was the Foundation of the Advice. He answer'd he did not; & he sent a Letter to his Meeting shewing why he did not; which Letter was read. Colerain Meeting, their Minutes, in answer to Mr Steuart's Latter were read. These Minutes were of the same Date with that Latter, wherein they did shew Tenderness of him because of his going to Scotland. He was requir'd to prove that wherein he is aggriev'd. We then proceeded to hear the Proof of his Grievances. To prove the first Particular, he adduc'd Mr Edward Galland, to prove that Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick said to the Committee or Interloqr how much he desir'd to be quit of Mr Steuart. Mr Galland being call'd, said he did not hear Mr Kirkpatrick give any false Information of Mr Steuart. He doth not believe Mr Kirkpatrick is the Man to do so; but he said that he, as others of the Synod might, heard Mr Kirkpatrick say, it were happy to be quit of that Man, meaning Mr Steuart, for he is a fire in the Country. As to the 2d Artickle, Mr Steuart appeals to his Prēsby. To the 3d, that Mr Halliday fulfill'd the Synod Minutes but in Part, Mr Halliday answer'd he was sick, & had no more from the Modr than what he told Macasquy. To the 4th, that he was summarily loos'd, that Prēsby reading their Minute, where it appears on Macasquy application to the Meeting they loos'd Mr Steuart. He says it was when he was absent, & at their first Meeting, without summoning him or the People. The Meeting reply'd that they believ'd that to be the Import of the Synod's Advice to Mr Steuart. To the 5th, the Presbytery appointed him to leave his Farm. Mr Dominick Heylyn, living there in the Neighbourhood, did shew that Farm belongs to the Congregation, which they design'd for a Minr, & it is not Mr Steuart's. This Affair having been before the Late Synod of Derry, which Synod referr'd to this Synod, what Censure shall pass on that Meeting for so proceeding. There were but two of Colerain Meeting Minrs at Derry Synod. The Presbytry, Mr Steuart, & Macasquy, being remov'd, what was referr'd being considered, also what has been now said, it was voted whether that Prēsby be censurable for their so precipitant Acting? It was carryed in the Affirmative. It was again voted, admonish, rebuke, or suspend that Prēsby for their Precipitancy in the Matter of Mr Steuart? It was carry'd, by Plurality of Votes, rebuke. Partys being call'd, Colerain Prēsby was rebuk'd by the Moderator in the Synod's Name.

The Interloqr to meet at half-hour after 4, & Synod at 6.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (after Prayer & Roll call'd.) Sess: 5ta.

A Committee of Minrs & Gentlemen, Members of this Synod, were appointed to go out & frame an Overture to this Synod for healing the Rents in that part of the Country. After long Reasoning they reported as follows:—

Seeing that it doth not appear probable that Mr Jas Steuart will be usefull in Macasquy, that the Synod will be pleas'd to advise or injoyn him forthwith to demitt his Charge of that Congregation. This the People desir'd. He says he had offer'd formerly to demitt. 1st.

That Mr Steuart be permitted peacably to enjoy the Farm he is now in till Candlemas next. 2d.

3d. There having been some Heats & Indecencys between Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick & Mr Steuart, that the Modr speak to both of them in that Affair, that they bury those Things.

4th. How far or how long Macasquy shall pay Mr Steuart, they being inform'd that Macasquy was for chusing two & Mr Steuart other two for ending that Affair. It is overtur'd that Macasquy chuse 2 Gentlemen & Mr Steuart other 2 to determine the Matter; the Gentlemen to meet on that Affair of the Maintenance, & determine before Lammas next.

5th. Seeing it appear'd proven by two Witnesses that Mr Steuart spoke unbecomingly of the late Mr Pat: Jordan, Mr Steuart is to make acknowledgmt of this.

6th. It not being so convenient that Mr Steuart preach in Macasquy, thô he live there, but rather go else where as shall be appointed by that Prēsby; & when that People have Preaching, Mr Steuart is not to preach priveatly in his own House. The Meeting is to give him a Testimonial on Demand. Which Overtures being read were voted & well approven by this Synod.

The Modr told Mr Kirkpatrick & Mr Steuart how great Need they have to seek Pardon of God & each other, & profess Sorrow now on the said Account.

Mr Jarvy, Probr. Mr John Jarvy, from the Prēsby of Linlithgow, in Scotland, Probationer, his Certificate was read here & approven. Any Presbytery in the Bounds of this Synod may imploy him as a Probationr.

Dundalk. Dundalk supplicated to have a Proportion of the Genll Fund, which was granted. They also desire that they may be a Distinct Congregation, & that their Quota to a Minr, with what themselves can give, be made up of the Fund. This to be considered to morrow morning, at which Time Mr Arthur Maxwel, with other Subscribers that are here, may be present.

Down Meeting produc'd a Call sent to them from Gallway Congregation to Mr Natha: Orr, Probatr in Down Meeting. It was desir'd that Gallway also have a Share of the Fund. That to be considered with Dundalk. Down was appointed to manage that Call in the ordinary & orderly Way. Cavan, Slego, Golan Congregations supplicated for a Share of the Fund.

Moyra to have 5£ from Monaghan and 5£ from Belfast Synod. Moyra, in the Meeting of Belfast, that People's Commission & Supplication were read, in which Supplication is shew'd the Circumstances of that Congregation, by which they are unable to give a Competency to a Gospel Minr; therefore desire the Assistance of this Synod. Belfast Meeting did report that they, with Correspondts, which were appointed by Belfast Synod, did perambulate the Bounds of Moyra, Lisburn, & Glenavy Congregations. The Commr being remov'd, it was voted whether Monaghan Synod shall give 5£, & Belfast Synod other 5£ to Moyra, for assisting them in their replanting, the Commencement of which Payments to be when Moyra is settl'd with a Minr; the Payment of the said Sums to be yearly, until Moyra be in such Circumstances to relieve the said Synods: which was voted and well approven.

Lurgan—The Meeting of Ardmagh desir'd that the former Promises of 10£ yearly from Belfast Synod & 10£ ℔ year from Monaghan Synod for Assistance to Lurgan be perform'd. It was voted, continue that Bounty according to the first Settlement or not? that is till Lurgan be in a Condition to relieve the said Synods. It was carryed in the Affirmative, continue. Who are behind of their Proportion are to hasten the Payment thereof. Lurgan.

Belfast & Monaghan Synod Books were revis'd and approven. It was so inserted in the Margin of each Book, & subscrib'd by the Clerk. Derry Minutes were also revis'd & approven. Synod Books revis'd.

Monaghan has receiv'd Mr Sam: Dunlop, who subjected to that Presbytry as their Probationer.

Athlone was supply'd as appointed; also Gallway, by the Meeting of Down, according to Appointment. Belfast was supply'd, & also Capel-Street, except by Ardmagh & Derry Presbytrys, of which see page 108.* Langford was for most part supply'd by the Supplyers of Athlone. Supplys ℔form'd.

Taugboyne & Mr Thos Harvey of Donnagh—The Prēsby of Derry has ended that Affair to the Satisfaction of all concern'd.

Overtur'd by Belfast Synod, that a Scheme of our Discipline be drawn up; with which this Synod agrees. For effecting the same the following Brethren were appointed:—from Ardmagh, Mr John Hutcheson; from Tyrone, Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr; from Monaghan, Mr Rott Darrogh; from Colerain, Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick; from Derry, Mr Rott Campbell; from Convoy, Mr Wm Holmes of Strabane. Belfast Synod having appointed their Members for this Scheme, these are to continue as appointed. The Work is to be done with the first Conveniency. Which was voted & unanimously approven. Overture.

Who design to add to their Session, the Persons' Names to be shewn to the respective Prēsbys before their Admission. This was approven.

What may be done by inferior Judicatorys is to be done, & Sentence Pass; if there be Straitning, call Correspondte, to prevent Trouble to superior Judicatorys; if Injury be sustain'd, appeal to the superior Judicatory: this to be overtur'd to next Synod.

The Session of Taughboyne supplicated this Synod, & did shew how maliciously Mr Wm Gray, their Minr, has been treated, therefore desire that Justice may be further done him & them, & a just Censure pass upon such who have exhibited Artickles against him, & fail'd in Proof of the same. Several of the Meeting of Derry complain'd how unjustly Rott Stevenson, of Molena, nigh Derry, has carryed toward them, in charging them with that whereof they are not guilty, for which they can appeal to God, their own Consciences, & impartial hearers of the whole proceeding between Mr Gray & said R: Stevenson. The Supplication being read & consider'd, also the Complaint of Derry Meeting, we came to the following Resolution, which was voted & approven:— T:-boyne Session's Supplication.

Whereas this Synod finds, by the Report of the Committee of Strabane, that Rott: Stevenson, of Molena, nigh the City of Derry,

*[Page 132 in printed Minutes.]

palpably fail'd in the Probation of those scandalous Reflections cast by him on Mr Wm Gray in that Lybell he exhibited against him, the Proof whereof he confidently undertook before our last Synod, & that the said Committee, beside what they then did, referr'd said R: Stevenson to this Synod for further Censure; therefore we appoint the Meeting of Derry to call him before them at their next Sedert, & oblidge him to acknowledge his Offence there, as also in the Congregation of Taughboyne, where Mr Gray is concern'd, & also in the Congregation of Derry; & that they appoint a Member of theirs to preach in Taugboyne, & receive this publick Acknowledgement from him, as they shall injoyn him; & in case he proves obstinate & comply not, the Prēsby is to declare him to be none of our Communion. The Extract of this to be given.

Censure on Rott Stevenson.

The Prēsby of Derry is also to endavour to convict him of the many Slanders, as we are inform'd, he hath cast on that Prēsby, or the Members thereof, & censure him accordingly. The Extract of this to be given.

Mr Fisher about ye Inscriōn on his Father's Grave-Stone.

Mr Hugh Fisher's Supplication being considered by the Committee, as also in the Synod, we concluded as follows:—Whereas, he had been advis'd by the Prēsby of Convoy to raze an Inscription he had put on his Father's Grave-Stone, he can't comply with that Advice, alledging that it would leave a Dash on his Father's Memory, & praying that this Synod would consider of some Way to do Justice to his deceas'd Father's Good Name. Agreed, after having the Words of the Inscription read, & what the Prēsby of Convoy had to say upon the whole, that the said Mr Hugh Fisher be call'd in & admonish'd, as having acted somewhat unadvisedly, considering the Circumstances of the Congregation of Donnaghmore, in putting on the said Inscription, & that he be advis'd to carry oblidginly for the Time to come toward the People of that Congregation, & that the said People surcease any further Heat in that Matter, & the rather because the Synod very well knows that our dear Brother Fisher, now with God, was a faithfull, useful, & zealous Servant of Christ in his Generation. We also agreed that the Prēsby of Convoy immediatly license Mr Hugh Fisher without any farther insisting on that of the Grave-Stone, or any thing else that now appears. The Extract of this to be given to Mr Fisher & the People of Donnaghmore.

Touching the General Fund, the Prēsbys made the following Report:—

20	Down will get for a Year 20£; Belfast between 40 & 50£, this
50	according to the Formula; Antrim 10£; Tyrone hope to do; Ardmagh
10	3£; Monaghan intend to do; Colerain 6£; Derry City 40£, whereof
3	15£ to be allow'd for what they expended on a particular Emergent
6	about the S: Test. Convoy, Strabane 6£.
15	
6	
110	

Errors excepted.

Gentlemen, viz:, Capt Shaw of Bush, Dr Ferguson, Mr Maxwell, Mr Thos Crawford, Mr Hall, Mr Galland, Majr Handcock, Capt McNeil, Mr Heylen, were desired to go together. Mr John Campbell, Mr Iredell, with several other Minrs, on the Gentlemen's Desire, were appointed to go with them, who overtur'd about the Application of the Money subscrib'd for aiding new erected Congregations.

June 6, 1707.

1st. It is desired that such Prēsbys as have not pursued the Minute & Formula from last Synod for procuring Subscriptions may be admonish'd of their Neglect, & injoyn'd speedily to effectuate it, & labour to have Subscriptions as far as can be equal to what others have done. We overture the great Importance of erecting a Congregation in the Town of Dundalk; & find the People there at present cannot pay above 15£ ℔ Annum. We think 30£ out of the Subscription Fund be given to make up 45£ ℔ Annum, which is the least Quota a Minr can have there; this to commence when the Minr receives his Call. To Dundalk 30£.

2d. The Town of Gallway pays 10£ ℔ Annum, & Dublin pays 10£. We overture that they have 20£ ℔ annum out of the aforesaid Fund, which makes a Quota for the Minr of that Congregation—the said Summ upon his receiving a Call from that Place to commence; & there is 10£ to be paid out of this Fund to Mr Nathl Orr, for last Year's Supplying, beside 6£ he has receiv'd, & 6£ he gets from Dublin. To Gallway 20£.

3d. The Congregation of Athlone pays 24£ ℔ Annum. We think fitt that they have 10£ out of the aforesaid Fund to make a Quota for the Minr there to continue as aforesd; &, whereas, the Congregations of Cavan, Slego, & Gowlan, have petition'd as weak Congregations for Aid out of the said Fund, we overture, that when the said Fund is increas'd by Subscriptions, that Consideration be had of the said Congregations, to give them such Aid as their Circumstances require, & as the fund will bear; particularly whatever Summ the Subscriptions of Coleraine amounts to is to be apply'd for Aid of Slego for this Year. To Athlone 10£.

4. Whereas, it was minuted at a Committee held at Belfast, for the more convenient collecting the said Subscriptions, that the several Prēsbys pay in their Subscriptions to Persons then nam'd for the three particular Synods, we overture that the said 3 Persons pay in the said Money to a Genl Treasurer for the said Purpose, & believe Mr Thos Crawford is a fitt Person, & desire he may be appointed as such. Wich Overtures were read in open Synod, & thereto we agreed, being well satisfy'd.

We voted that the time & place of next Synod shall be on the first Tuesday of June—Sermon to begin at 5 a Clock that Afternoon—at Antrim.

Roll being call'd, we concluded this Synod by Prayer.

Interloquitur 1st.

Lisburn being reduc'd to Ashes by a dreadfull Fire, the Meeting of Belfast, to which the Place belongs, and also others, considering the deploreable Circumstances of the Town & Congregation, were willing to contribute to the Reliefe of the many indigent Objects there, & willing now to be harmonious in distributing what is not yet sent thither. It was considered here that it might be of evil Consequence to act separately from the establis'd Church in the Division of what shall be collected. We agree that Brethren use their Interest to collect Lisburn Charity.

Money for that charitable Use, provided that out of the first Money collected the Meeting-house be built as well as the Church, according to their respective Valuation, (as we hear) that the Church is valued at 800£, & Meeting-House at 500£; in which Case we will use our Interest with our Friends, the Dissenters, in England, for increasing this Collection. This was told to Mr Upton, who made the Proposal. Mr Sinclair to write in this Synod's Name to Mr Daniel Williams, who may promote the Collection. Many are undetermin'd in paying their Collection, because a Brief is shortly expected for that End.

Mr Neil Beaton, a fugitive out of Scotland, to be avoided by the Members of this Synod.

10£ to Mr Lee.

The Clerk is to give an Order to Mr Thos Crawford to pay out of the first Dividend of R:D: 10£ to Mr Lee, being Mr Lee's Allowance for last Year.

The Minutes of the Synod's Committee, who mett twice in Belfast since the preceeding Synod, on Agust 14th, Novembr 20th, 1706, were read & approven.

Touching Mr McGachy's 5s to be given by every Minr of this Sȳ'd, he reports Monaghan Synod have pay'd their Proportion, the other 2 Synods are much behind. The Clerk of each Prēsby is to receive that Money now, & who have it not are to pay it speedily. The last Synod's Minutes were read as appointed.

Glenarm.

Antrim Meeting report that Glenarm Affair is almost accommodated. It's remitted to that Prēsby.

Refer.

Overtures from the Synod of Derry, 4 in Number. They are *in Retentis*, but could not now be discust.

Refer.

Overtur'd to prevent Inconveniencys from Monaghan Synod, that no publick Money for supporting weak Congregations, or Committee Money, shall be deducted out of R:D: This not being duely concerted is referr'd.

No Minr to print any Thing holding out our Principles or Practices till his Papers be revis'd & approven by this Synod, This referr'd till next Synod.

The Clerk is to return the Names of our Minrs & newly ordain'd to Mr Thos Crawford, our Treasurer.

Mr Bruce sent Mr Brodrick's Advice about R:D: He advis'd us to take it.

Mr Thos Crawford, as appointed, sent a Year of R:D: to Mr Iredell, on Account of Mr Hook. He also paid the 5£ to Mr Pringle.

Interloquitur 2d.

Mr Pettegrew to be paid.

Mr Pettegrew, Clerk to the late Committee at Strabane, desir'd Gratification for his Labour. It was voted whether Monaghan & Derry Synod's each Minr shall pay 1 Shilling or 1 Shilling ℔ Sheet. The former was agreed to by Plurality of Votes. Belfast Synod having promis'd 12 Pence each Minr, the Clerk of each Meeting is now to collect the said Money & give it to Mr Pettegrew, who is to agree with

Mr Baptist Boyd, who assisted him at Strabane. Mr Pettegrew to deliver the Coppys of those Minutes to such as have not yet receiv'd them. He is to refound the 3 Shill: appointed to him by a late Committee out of R:D:

The Committee Minutes being read, among which there is an Overture for safe Conveyance of the Synod Minutes, we appoint that the Clerk of the Synod send, at his own Charge, the Extracts to the Clerks of the Synod of Derry & Monaghan, & these Clerks to send carefully to the Prēsbys within their respective Synods.

Finding in the Committee Minutes that there was Advice given to Belfast Meeting about Belfast Congregation receiving the Sacrament, & this Advice is recorded, this we judge to be no Part of the Committee's Work. This to be considered afterwards, when Instructions are to be given to the ensueing fixt Committee.

The Meetings of Derry & Convoy have almost paid up their Proportion of 10£ to Mr Pringle, but the Meeting of Colerain hath paid no Part of it. The Appointment is renew'd. 10£ to Mr Pringle.

Report is made that Mr Hugh Clany is gone out of this Kingdom.

Whereas, Mr Robert Paterson is proceeding on Tryalls for the Ministry in the Meeting of Down, and several of those Brn dissented from his Proceeding—he was under a bad Fame, as is reported—the Revisers of Belfast Synod Book remarkt as a Quære for light in this Matter. The Affair was before the Interloqr of Belfast Synod. The Advice to the Meeting was read. The whole Affair being considered, we came to vote whether Down Meeting shall proceed in his Tryalls. (It was suggested before we come to vote that Mr Paterson be call'd in.) Several Brn gave Account of what they knew & heard of him. Some shew what they heard of him was unsavoury. Mr Paterson, being call'd, declar'd what Mr Haddington said against him he could never prove. He believes Malice was the Foundation of the Lybell against him. Some say that Mr Haddington is willing to swear what he said was not from Malice, but Conscience oblidg'd him to use Interest that none such come into the Ministry. Mr Paterson being remov'd, after Reasoning we came to vote, abstracting that Lybell, whether it may be for the Glory of God & the Good of his Church to advise Down Meeting to proceed with Mr Rott Paterson in his Tryalls, or desist till the Synod be pleas'd. It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, desist till the Synod be pleas'd. Mr Paterson.

Concerning the fixt Committee for Emergents relateing to this Church, the several Prēsbys return'd the Names of those whom they design to be Members of the said Committee, viz:—from Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Orr; from Belfast, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Cobham; Antrim, Mr John Campbell, Mr Futt; Ardmagh; Mr Colvill, Mr Cherrie; Tyrone, Mr Crooks, Mr Maxwel; Monaghan, Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Thompson; Derry, Mr Gray, Mr Winsley; Convoy, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Seth Drummond; Colerain, Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, Mr Thos Sterlin. If any Member of this Committee fail, the Prēsby whereof he is a Member shall send one in his Room, the Clerk of the Synod to be Member of the said Committee; Committee.

further, what ever Light & Instructions these Members of the Committee can have from their Prēsbys, they shall take it, yet not so as restrict them, because something not foreseen by the Prēsbys nor Members of the Committee may fall in when the Committee meets; all which was voted, & unanimously approven. It was also voted that Mr Iredell, with Advice of the Brother Sinclair in Dublin, call this Committee to Dungennan. He is to write to Mr Craighead in Derry, Mr James Bruce, & Mr John Hutcheson, thereby the 3 Synods will be advertis'd; & he is to shew the Causes of calling the said Committee, which Causes the aforesaid Brern are to shew to the respective Prēsbys of the three Synods; and also to write to the aforesaid Minrs in all Matters of our Common Concern. Mr Iredell to have a Transcript of this from our Clerk. This Committee, when call'd, to examine Mr Crawford's Accounts of R:D: Each Prēsby is to pay their own Members of this Committee, any ten of those above mention'd Members making a Quorum.

Mr Iredell to call it to Dungenan.

Act.

It was voted & made a Synodical Act, that all who shall enter on their first Tryalls for the Ministry shall be able to interpret the Hebrew Psalter, *ad Aperturam Libri*. This Act to be put in Execution from the Date hereof.

Time not allowing the Minutes to be read, it's referr'd to the Meeting of Belfast to do that. Concluded by Prayer.

Finis. AND: CRAWFORD, C: G: S:

Sess: 1ma.

A General Synod at Antrim, June 1st, 1708

Mr John Hutcheson, Moderator, having open'd this Synod by Preaching from 2 Thess: 2, 14, & after Constitution by Prayer, *sederunt* the Minrs & ruling Elders of this Gen: Synod :—

DOWN MINRS.

Messrs	Elders.
James Bruce	John Holland
John Gaudy	John Hope
Henry Hamilton	James Kennedy
John Mairs	James Wirling
Thomas Orr	
Samuel Shennan	James Wallace
William Biggar	John Steuart
James Montgomery	William Clany
Thomas Jackson	John Maskimine
	James Hall
William Smith	James Campbell
James Reid	Wm Steuart
Henry Livingstone	Wm McClinsky
Hugh Ramsay	Wm McCarmick

BELFAST.

Messrs

Alexr Sinclair .....Thomas Warrington
John Malcom .....James Magee
Alexr Macrackan .....Sam: Herron
James Kirkpatrick.....Bryce Blair
James Cobham .....Alexr Gordon
John Riddel.....John Hunter
Patrick Adair .....David Hudd
Robert Sinclair .....John Donnaldson
Thos Gowan.....Arthr Maxwel, Esqr
And: Crawford.....And: McCarmick

ANTRIM.

Messrs

John Campbell.....David Moor
Thomas Futt .....Jo: Carson
Fulk White .....Hugh Thomb
James Scott .....James Steuart
William Taylor .....Wm Thompson
Stafford Pettegrew.....Geo: Tudd
William Leech.....Wm McConchy
William Ogilvy .....Robt Ker
Alexander Brown .....John Wilson
John Abernethy .....Capt. Shaw

TYRONE.

Messrs

Thos Kennedy, Senr .....John Paterson
John Thomb... .....William Vernar
Henry Crooks .....David McCreigh
Thos Kennedy, Junr .....John Stevenson
John McClave .....Jas Brison
Arcd Boyd .....Sam: Moor
John Boyd .....Thos Robinson

ARDMAGH.

Messrs

Alexr Gordon ....
John Hutcheson .....Wm Brown
Alexr Colvill ....John Hook
John Wilson.....Robt McCullogh
Geo: Lang.....James McClellan
Sam: Young.....Thos Purly
Gilbert Kennedy.....John Paterson
James Flemming..... .....
Robt Rainey .....James Ballentine
Thos Millikin .....Nathan: Dunlop
Jas Johnson.....John Todd
Wm McKay .....Thos Steel

MONAGHAN.

Messrs

Robt Coltheart .....Pat: Moor
John McGachine.....
Robt Darragh .....Robt Hamilton
Baptist Boyd .....Sam: Gordon
Hump: Thompson .....John McCullogh
Josias Cornwal.....John Armstrong
Alexr Flemming.....Adam Menzies
Jas Tayt .....John Baxter
Sam: Dunlop .....Major Handcock

COLERAIN.

Messrs

James Steuart.....
Jas McGrigor .....James Browster
Robt Neilson .....David Tweed
Thos Sterlin.....Hugh Boyd
Robt Haltridge .....John Agnew

DERRY

Messrs

Thos Harvey .....
And: Ferguson.....Sam: Eldar
John Harvey .....Robt Robinson
David Wilson .....John Shennan
Thos Winsley .....John Lawry
Wm Gray.....Robt Moor
John Sterlin.....John Lyn
Hans Steuart .....John Orr
John Ball.....

CONVOY.

Messrs

Sam: Haliday .....Robt Smely
Wm Holmes, Senr .....John Paterson
Sam: Young.....
Seth Drummond.....And: Hamilton
Thos Craighead .....Jas Brown
Robt Drummond.....
Sam: Dunlop.....David Curry

Modr & Mr John Hutcheson desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, gave a Leet of the following Minrs, that one thereof may be chosen to moderate this present Synod, viz:—Mr Hen: Hamilton, Mr Malcom, Mr White, Mr Thomb, Mr Thos Harvey, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr And: Ferguson, Mr John McGachine, Mr Colvil. Mr Holmes was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen Moderator.

Clerk chosen. Then we voted Andrew Crawford to Clerk to this Synod.

We then voted whether there shall be a Committee who may so consider Bussiness, that it may come orderly into this Synod. It was carryed, no such Committee.

Absent from this Synod:—Messrs Alexr Hutchison, John Frieland, John McBride, John Lee, Wm Cornwall, Fran: Iredel, Laghn Campbell, Robert Craighead, Neil Gray, Robt Campbell, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Matt: Clerk, Archd Macclaine, John Maiors, Nathan: Orr, Char: Mastertown, Wm Ambrose, Wm Holmes, Junr, Wm Houston, James Woodside—all who were by their Letter, & Report made by Brern in their Favour, excus'd for their Absence from this Synod; but Mr Jas Maxwell, Moses Cherrie, Charles Walace, Cha: Lynn are to give Account to next Synod why they absent from this Synod. Absents excus'd.

The Absents from the former Synod were to be examin'd as to the Reasons of their Absence by their respective Prēsbys. Some (as is now reported) have accordingly done so; but the Meeting of Colerain can't give a distinct Account whether they have or not. This Synod again injoyns that Prēsby to call to an Account & report to this Synod.

It being overtur'd by the Synod of Derry that when we meet in Synods, Prēsbys be first call'd ℘ *vices*; to which we agreed. This to be in Force after this Synod is over. Overture.

For Revising Synod Books.

Belfast Book to be revis'd by Mr Magachy, Mr John Harvey, Mr Seth Drummond, Mr Bapt Boyd, Mr Haltridge, Mr Lang. Synod Books to be revis'd.

Monaghan Book to be revis'd by Mr Ferguson, Mr McGrigor, Mr Henry, Mr Brown, Mr Taylor, Mr Adair. Derry Book to be revis'd by Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Biggar, Mr Gowan, Mr Leech, Mr Thompson. The respective Clerks of those Synods to attend revising their Book. Books to be deliver'd now to the Revisers, who are to make their Report seasonably to this Synod.

We then appointed the Interloqr to meet here at 7, & Synod at 10, in the Morning. What was done in the Interloqr is annex'd to those Minutes.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.) Sess: 2da.

It being observ'd that Mr John Hutcheson omitted to pray for the Queen yesterday in the Congregation, he was spoken to by the Modr about it. Mr Hutcheson publickly declar'd his Loyalty, & that he constantly prays for her Majty in his own Congregation; that he checkt himself yesterday for his Omission before he left the Pulpit: & was glad to have the Opportunity of vindicating himself so publickly, & preventing any Misapprehensions of his Neglect.

The Rules for orderly & expeditious Management of Synodical Bussiness were read, & all the Members were injoyn'd punctually to observe the Same.

A Latter from Mr McBride (now in Glasgow), dated May 13th, Belfast Appeal.

1708, to this Synod was read; upon which Capt Brice, Mr Isaac McCartney, Dr John Peacock, Mr Robt Lennox, Mr John White, Mr Andw Maxwell, Mr John Black, Mr Richd Ashmore, Mr Sam: Smith, Mr John McMunn, Mr Gilbt Moor, or any six of them, being commissionate by the Session & Congregation of Belfast, produc'd a Commission subscrib'd by many in Belfast, impowring & appointing them, the said Commrs, to prosecute in their Name an Appeal from the Sentence of the Prēsby of Belfast, dividing the Congregation of Belfast into two. The Commrs gave in a Supplication, praying that some of them being much concern'd in Bussiness, the Synod would please to give them all convenient Dispatch. Wm Crawford, Esqr, Mr John Chalmers, Mr Wm Rainey, Senr, Mr Brice Blair, Mr John Arbuckles, Dr Victor Ferguson, Mr Alexr Adair, Mr Robt Andrew, Mr Robt Millikin, Mr Joseph Biggar, Mr Edwd Wilson, Mr Hugh Dyatt, Mr Wm Rainey, Junr, Mr Thos Lyle, Mr John Arbuckle, Mr Jon Taylor, Mr Wm Roger, Mr Hugh Boyd, Mr Geo: Orr, their Commission, subscrib'd by many Hands, was read. They supplicated that this Revd Synod may confirm the Sentence of Belfast Prēsby, erecting them, & such who should joyn with them by voluntary Subscriptions, into a distinct Congregation, to assemole in the new Meeting-House of Belfast; also they pray that in Regard some of their Number are not come to Town, the Affair may be delay'd for some Time. Partys being remov'd, the Synod voted, proceed now or delay. It was carryed, delay till next Sederunt.

Questions at Ordinations.

Touching the Questions to be propos'd to Intrants at their Ordinations, the Minutes of last Synod relative thereunto being read, Mr Andw Ferguson reports that he, as appointed, transmitted the Draught of those Question which he had to Mr Jas Kirkpatrick. Mr Bruce reports that he has drawn something, which is not yet fully weigh'd by his Prēsby. Mr Jas Kirkpatrick says he hath write some thing. We find those Things have not been so digested as to be sent to the several Synods as was injoyn'd. The Appointment is now renew'd that these formerly appointed do that Work, and transmitt to the several Synods, so that we may have the whole laid before us at the next General Synod.

Down Prēsby reports that they ordain'd Mr Nathanl Orr, Minr in Gallway, Decembr 2d, 1707; have enter'd Mr Mich: Bruce on Trayalls in order to Licensing; to enter Mr Jas Orr, Mr D: White.

Belfast install'd Mr Lauglin Campbell in Capel-Street, Colleague to Mr Iredell, Septembr 16th, 1707; hath enter'd on 2d Trayalls, Mr Wm McKnaight, Mr Charles Seaton; & has enter'd in order to Licensing, Mr Danl Rainey, Mr Robt Wirlin; to enter on Trayalls Mr Thos Nivin.

Antrim licens'd Mr John Richy; to enter Mr Wm Taylor on first Tryals.

Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Jas Johson at Donnoghmore, nigh Newry, June 23d, 1707, & Mr Wm McKay at Veny Cash, Septembr 25, 1707; licens'd Mr Jas Moor, Thos Anderson, Jas Henry; & enter'd Mr John Kennedy on Tryalls for Ordination.

Derry ordain'd Mr Sam: Dunlop at Latterkenny, Agust 13th, 1707; to enter on first Tryalls, Messrs Jas Porter, Jas Coghren.

Convoy ordain'd Mr Char: Lynn at Clandy-Vadock, Febry 25, 1707, & licens'd Mr Wm Brown; to enter on 1st Tryalls Mr Danl Ferly; enter'd Mr John Dunlop on 2d Tryalls.

Monaghan ordain'd Mr Saml Dunlop at Athlone, Aprl 29th, 1708; enter'd on 2d Tryalls Mr Saml McGauchy; to enter on 2d Tryalls Mr Wm Hair; to enter on 1st Tryalls Mr Wm Wilson.

Colerain enter'd on 2d Tryalls Mr Hen: Neil, & have enter'd Mr Alexr Orr on 1st Tryalls.

Mr Jas Ramsay, of Anahilt, in the Prēsby of Belfast, died Febry 24th, 1708. Mr Wm Reid, of Bellynahinch, in the Prēsby of Down, died May 7th, 1708.

Touching the Process relating to Robt Stevenson, of Molena, nigh Derry, against Mr Wm Gray, of Taugboyne, the late Synod appointed a Censure to be inflicted on the said Robt Stevenson by the Prēsby of Derry, he having palpably succumbt in his Probation of what was alledg'd by him against Mr Gray. Derry Meeting report that they did what they could. Stevenson is dead, so that Affair ceases.

Major Thos Handcock, commissionate by Athlone Congregation, did supplicate this Synod's Assistance in Reference to some Affairs relating to that Congregation. He produc'd his Account of his Expences in building a Meeting house, & Accommodation for stabling Horses, while People attend the Worship of God in the Meetinghouse. This to be consider'd by a Committee of Minrs & Elders to be afterwards nam'd.

Cork was supply'd (as appointed by last Synod). Mr Wm Softlow & Mr Wm Jones produc'd a Commission to prosecute that People's former Desire at the preceeding Synod, that Mr Wm Gray be transported from Taug-Boyne, & fixt a Colleague to Mr Sam: Lowthian, present Pastor in Cork. The Commission & Supplicaōn were read, & also the Call to Mr Wm Gray. We find it to be an orderly Call. The Commrs being heard, also Mr Gray, & his Eldr, Robt Moor, we agreed to referr this Affair till next Sederunt. In the mean Time, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr David Wilson were appointed to speak to Mr Gray; & Mr Bruce & Mr Abernethy to speak to the Commrs, & report to our next Sederunt, which is to be at 3 a'Clock in the Afternoon.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. { Roll call'd after Prayer. Sess: 3tia.

The Synod, according to the Resolution *ante Merid:*, now entering on the Affair of Belfast, ordered that the Minutes of Belfast Prēsby relating thereunto should be read. Accordingly, they were produc'd, & read as followeth:—1st. A Petition from Capt Brice, &c:, the Appealants praying that the Synod would take their deplorable Case into their serious Consideration, throughly & exactly weighing their Appeal, & the Reasons thereof, & readily & favourably grant their Petition annex'd thereunto. 2d. At the Desire of the Commrs of the new Congregation, there were read two Representations of the Session of Belfast to the Prēsby of Belfast, one dated March the 2d, desiring that Belfast Affair resum'd. Papers read.

Mr Jas Kirkpatrick might be ascertain'd to the new Meeting-house now built, & Mr McBride might be ascertain'd to the old Meeting-house & the dwelling-house built for him. The other Representation was dated Aprile 12th, recommending & concurring in a Petition to the said Prēsby for erecting a new Congregation in Belfast, to meet———, & to be under the Particular pastoral Charge of Mr James Kirkpatrick. Representations were sign'd by Hugh Cunningham, Clk: to the Session of Belfast, which we———find in the Prēsby Minutes. The new house was ascertain'd to Mr Kirkpatrick, & the old House, with the dwelling House, was ascertain'd to Mr McBride on the aforesaid March. Mr McCrackan appeal'd, with whom Mr Adair joyn'd. The Reasons of the said Appeal were here read. Also in the said Minutes we find that in Aprile last the new Congregation was erected, from which Vote Mr Adair protested. His Reasons were read, also the Prēsby's Answers thereunto were read. Likewise, we find in those Minutes a Dissent by Mr Adair from the Prēsby's Vote in detaining Mr McBride's Call, his Dimission not being accepted; the Prēsby's Answers for their so doing were read in their Minutes. 3d. A Paper was read containing a subscrib'd Agreement betwixt Mr Edwd Brice, Mr Isaac McCartney, Mr Robt Lennox on one Part, Mr Wm Crawford & Dr Ferguson on the other Part, the 3d of March last. The Particulars agreed on were, that the Stipend, being 160£ 0s 0d ℔ Annum, should be equally divided between the two Minrs and the dwelling House now built should be reserv'd for Mr McBride; that the Congregation should be divided into two, but no Steps at this Time to be made for dividing, before applying in an orderly Way to the Prēsby, in Aprile; that the old Meeting-house should be then ascertain'd, viz:, on 3d of March, to Mr McBride, & the new to Mr Kirkpatrick. Some of the Appealants produc'd a Paper, dated May 17th, subscribed by many Hands, shewing that Capt Brice, Mr McCartney, Mr Lennox, had no Instructions for concluding the said Agreement. The Reasons of the Gentlemen's Appeal, with the Prēsby's Answers, were read. 4th. A Paper subscrib'd by eight Persons, viz:— Mrs John Taylor, Joh: Singleton, certifying that, whereas they subscrib'd a Paper which was made use, opposing a present Erection of a new Congregation, they were told that Paper did only contain a Desire to have Mr McBride brought over again, but did not believe it was design'd to oppose said new Erection at that present Time, else they would not have subscrib'd it. 5. A Paper subscrib'd by 120 Heads of Familys dwelling in Belfast, declaring that, whereas they had been for many Years depriv'd of Gospel Ordinances, by Reason of their great Number & the Incapacity of the old house to contain them, they, next to the Goodness of God, own the Compassionate Care of the Prēsby of Belfast in appointing a new Erection, whereby they accommodate with the Conveniency of hearing the Word of God. The Defendants, Mr Wm Crawford, &c:, produc'd the Coppy of a Latter from Mr McBride to the Session of Belfast, bearing Date from Stranrawer, June 18th, 1706—the Coppy extracted out of the Records of the Session by Hugh Cunningham, their Clerk—in which Latter Mr McBride declares his Judgement, that if there be 3,000 Persons in Belfast Congregation, there must be 2 Meeting-houses & 2 distinct Congregations, that the two Ministers may know their several Charges. The Appealants, Capt

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Brice, &c:, alledg'd that there was a Paper, intuled a State of the Case of the new Congregation of Belfast, industriously spread by those of the new Congregation among Min^rs with a Design, as they think, to preposses them against their Appeal, & in favour of the new Erection. Mr John Campbel being, at their Desire, examin'd whether he had any such Paper, he own'd he had the Paper, & produc'd it, which was read.

The Defendants, Mr Wm Crawford, &c:, desir'd that the Coppy of a Latter from M^r McBride, Febr^y 1706, may be read. The Appealants oppos'd that, because it was unattested. The Synod voted whether read it openly. It was carryed, read openly. Afterward the Original was produc'd by the Clerk.

The Appealants, Capt Brice, &c:, produc'd their Protestation, with which many joyn in Subscription, against executing the Sentence of the Prēsby for divideing the Congregation in Aprile last, also their Reasons for said Protestation; which Protestation & Reasons were read. Adjourn'd till to morrow Morning.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. { Roll call'd after Prayer. Sess: 4ta.

We could not overtake the Affair of Cork at last Seder^t. Mr John Hutcheson & Mr David Wilson report that they convers'd with Mr Wm Gray, who, thô he expresses himself affectionately with Respect to Cork, yet the Circumstances of the Congregation of Taugboyne & Father's Family can't allow him to comply with their Desire that he encourage their Call; did also shew that he believes not that the Synod would allow his Transportation from a People who did so affectionately cleave to him in his Adversity. The People are now united; if he remov'd from them, possibly they would divide, & not probably heal again. This we propos'd to last Synod, when Cork mov'd for his Transportation. He would now have it determin'd that he continue with his People, & the People of Cork directed to fix their Eye on some other Person, by whom Cork may be comfortably planted, & Taugboyne People reliev'd from many perplexing Tho'ts on said Account. Mr Bruce, Mr Abernethy reported that they spake with Cork Comm^rs, and did shew them it's fear'd their Proposal as to Mr Gray will not succeed as they expect, & how willingly the Synod would assist them in Respect to some other to whom they may fix. The Comm^rs said that their People are positive for Mr Gray, if possible, because there is good Cause to belive he may be usefull in that Country, as well as edifying to that Congregation. They produc'd a Paper, subscrib'd by some in Name of the Prēsby of Munster, shewing their Great Desire to have Mr Gray there. This Paper was read *coram*, & return'd to the Comm^rs. They shew that it will be greatly grieving to them & many more if they be frustrated of their Expectation. They are willing to depend on this Synod for Supplys till next Synod, at which Time, if they be not planted, they apprehend they must apply else where. All Partys being remov'd, we voted whether recommend the Call now to Mr Gray, & that the Comm^rs acquaint their People that so soon as may be the Reasons of Cork Call be transmitted to Derry Prēsby, under whose Inspection Taugboyne Congregation is, so that the Affair be discust at the next

Cork Affair.

Synod; in the mean Time, that the Synod supply Cork till the next Synod, Mr Gray to be one of the Supplyers, every of our Synods to send 3 Supplyers, that is, 9 Supplys, each Supply to continue there six Weeks. Down Meeting shall begin, & so the rest of the Prēsbys to succeed as they are call'd, in our Roll. Partys being call'd, the Modr tender'd the Call to Mr Gray, which he declin'd to take into his Hands, being inconsistant with his Engagement & Obligation to Taugboyne. We therefore appointed to lodge it with the Clerk of the Synod. Mr Gray was desired to consider it. The Call was read in open Synod. The naming of Supplyers was refer'd till another Sedert.

Belfast.

Belfast Affair being resum'd, the Prēsby of Belfast, the Gentlemen Appealants & Defendants, were remov'd. We, considering the Affair, voted that the Gentlemen's Appeal be considered before that of the Minrs. They being call'd in, a Latter, dated May 7th, from Mr McBride to the Prēsby of Belfast (at the Desire of the Appealants) was read, by which it appears that Mr McBride is dissatisfy'd with the late Proceedings of the Prēsby, in dividing the Congregation before the Gen: Synod, which was so nigh; also, the Draught of an Answere from the Prēsby to the said Latter was read. We agreed that for due expedition & clearness in managing this Bussiness, all were exhorted to be orderly & avoid Confusion. It was then appointed that the Minute of Belfast Prēsby relating to that Affair, from which the Gentlemen then mention'd, & now present, make their Appeal, should be now read. It was accordingly read, & the Appeal it self was also read, & then the Reasons of the Appeal & the Answers of Belfast Prēsby to the aforesaid Reasons were likewise read alternately, the Appealants' Reasons being first read, & then the Prēsby's Answers thereunto. After much Reasoning, some Brethren having propos'd this Question, whether or not Mr McBride's and Mr Kirkpatrick's Relation was loos'd by the Division of the Congregation, desiring a Vote upon it, others urging that the Synod should come to a Vote *(bene* or *male appellatum)*. After much Reasoning we came to this Vote, which of the said Votes shall be first. It was carryed that the Vote *(bene* or *male appellatum)*. Then we voted, *bene an male appelatum*. It was carryed in the Affirmative, *bene appellatum*. Cork Affair refer'd till Afterward. Adjourn'd till the Afternoon.

Order recommended.

Vote was put *bene an male appellatum*. Carryed *bene appellatum*.

Sess: 5ta

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

The Appellants' Accusation agst Mr Kirkpk & Mr Gowan.

We then came to the 3d particular under the 5th Reason, which being read, the Appealants were put to the Prooff of it. The thing being a Matter of Fact, they were desir'd to name the 3 Minrs. Dr Peacock & Mr Isaac McCartney name only two of them, viz:—Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, & Mr Thos Gowan, & can name no other, & adduce for Witness to prove their Assertion, one Jon Johnson, Barber in Belfast. They being inquir'd if they had any other Witness, they answer'd no other. Mr Kirkpatrick & Mr Gowan gave in Exception against the Witness; as Mr John Ferys, of Dunmurry, his Certification shewing that John Johnson said to him, the Minrs whom he heard reflecting on Mr McBride were not of Belfast Prēsby; that he was but *Testis Singularis* against two Minrs; desir'd his Character might be inquir'd into, which was offer'd by several that he was not of good Reputation.

Partys being remov'd, it was voted whether examine John Johnson. It was carryed, examine. Then Partys being call'd in, John Johnson was examin'd what he had to say against those Min^{rs} nam'd. He solemnly declares that about a Year ago, in a certain House in Belfast, he heard Mr Ja^{s} Kirkpatrick & Mr Thos Gowan saying to one another concerning Mr John McBride, that he was imperious, censorious, *usurpaverit, superbus, malim absenti, quam ambisse.* He being interrogate as to the Day, Moneth, & Year, cannot tell, neither which of those two spake first he knows not, neither can he tell who was the 3^{d} Man that said so too. Mr Kirkpatrick & Mr Gowan further except against Jo^{n} Johnson, that he now gives in a Paper containing the Words which he witnesseth they said of M^{r} McBride; that the Words of said Paper, they say, are different from what he delivers now upon his Examination *viva voce.*

The Appeal^{ts}' Cause to Appeal.

The Synod then proceeded to hear the remaining Part of the Appealants' Reasons for appealing, with the Prēsby of Belfast Answers thereunto, and all being read, the Appealants were heard in what they had further to say; then the Presbytery, then Mr Ja^{s} Kirkpatrick, also the Gentlemen for the new Erection, all being heard what they had to say, all Partys were desir'd to withdraw till the Synod might proceed to Judgment. It was voted whether the Appealants had just Ground for appealing or not? It was by the Plurality carryed in the Affirmative. Again, it was voted, rebuke or admonish those of Belfast Prēsby, from whose Sentence the Appeal was made for their Precipitancy in a Matter of such Importance. It was carryed by Plurality of Votes, rebuke. The Mod^{r} was appointed so to do; also that the Mod^{r} aquaint the Gentlemen on both sides that the Intention of this Synod is to consider some healing Measures for the satisfactory Settlement of the two Congregations among them, & to commend the Gentlemen of the new Erection for their pious Zeal & Liberality.

Healing Measures for the satisfactory Settlem^{t} of the two Congregations.

The present State of the Congregation of Belfast being considered, & having with all Deliberation reason'd on that Particular, appointed Mr Upton & Mr Bruce to go & converse with the Gentlemen Appealants, & Capt Wm Shaw, with Mr John Abernethy, to go & converse with the Gentlemen Defend^{ts}, & try what they can do for bringing both Partys to an Accommodation. Mr Campbel & Mr Futt were joyn'd in this Conference.

Cork.

Cork having weigh'd the Brethren's Report of Mr Gray's Judgement of Cork Call, & perceiving Mr Gray's great Averseness to the said Call, for his Reasons given, & being inform'd that Cork Com^{rs} are willing to be directed by this Synod, we sent out Mr Cobham to them, that we may have in Write, under their Hand, what they think of the Call to Mr Gray. Mr Cobham returning, reported that he convers'd with the Com^{rs}, & produc'd, under their hand, Writeing, which was here read, shewing that, seeing it is not faisable that they will obtain Mr Gray, that they will acquiesce in withdrawing their Call tender'd to Mr Gray. The Comm^{rs} being remov'd, and Mr Gray having before obtain'd Liberty to go home, we voted, take back the Call given to Mr Gray or not? It was carryed, by plurality, take back; which being done, the Com^{rs} were call'd, to whom we told that the Call was taken back. It was

The Call to Mr Wm Gray withdrawn.

return'd to the Comm^{rs}. They pray'd that this Synod would appoint Mr Robert Craighead, a Probationer in Derry Prēsby, to supply them with his Conveniency till next Synod, in order to his Settlement among them. The Comm^{rs} being remov'd, we considered their Desire, & voted, grant their Prayer. It was carryed, grant, & appoint Mr Cragehead to supply them six Months. Partys being call'd, Mr Craighead was inform'd of his Appointment. He told us he was surpriz'd with that Appointment, having riden many hundered Miles in obeying synodical Appointments; hath been greatly fatigu'd; hath not seen his aged Father since he supply'd Cork: yet will not debate. He desir'd that his Time of Supplying Cork may be shorter than six Months; that the Synod supply his Father during his Absence. He desir'd that he might supply Cork only three Months. We leave that to his Conveniency, as above desir'd. He is to go thither at Lammas next, if that People be clear to give him a Call, & his Tryalls go on in that Country. If that Prēsby of Munster (of which before), with the Concurrence of Cork, require his Testimonials, they may write to the Prēsby of Derry for the same. That Prēsby being so appris'd, is to send the Testimonials. Derry Prēsby is to supply Mr Craighead with preaching during his Son's Absence at Cork. Ajourn'd till Afternoon at 5, & Committee for the Fund at 4.

Mr Robt Craighead was, at the Desire of the Comm^{rs}, appointed to supply Cork.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

The Gentm^{n} & Min^{rs} cannot heal the Partys.

The Gentlemen & Min^{rs} who were appointed to try if they could reconcile the differing Partys in Belfast, reported that they have not reconcil'd the differing Partys; but humbly offer'd some Overtures thereto, with which the Prēsbys & Gentlemen Defend^{ts} for the new Erection agreed without any Amendments, but the Appealants would not agree to them. The Overtures were read & considered separately, &, after long Reasoning, Mr John Hutcheson having offer'd a healing Overture, he was ordered to go out & put it form. He return'd & read what he has fram'd, which, with some Amendments, was agreed to, & is the definitive Sentence which the Synod appointed to be joyn'd to the Vote *bene appellatum*, thô in Order of Time it comes in here.

The Congregaōn of Belfast divided into two.

Notwithstanding the Vote *bene appellatum*, the Synod, considering many weighty Reasons for dividing the numerous Congregation of Belfast, do hereby divide the same into two Congregations, & appoint M^{r} McBride & his Congregation to meet for publick Worship in the old Meetinghouse, & Mr Ja^{s} Kirkpatrick with his Congregation to meet in the new, & that Mr Kirkpatrick shall henceforth preach in the new Meetinghouse; that the Stipend shall be collected in common & paid in equal Portions to the two Min^{rs}, & that the Poor's Money shall be kept all together and distributed as formerly, till the Committee to be appointed meet, & that M^{r} McBride shall enjoy the dwelling house now built; & perfecting this Division, this Synod appoints a Committee of the following Min^{rs} & Elders, to meet on the first Wednesday of Agust next, in Belfast, to regulate the Congregations as divided by this our Act, & especialy to settle & equalize (as much as may be) the Pastoral Charge & Labours of the two Min^{rs}; also, that a kind Latter be writ to M^{r} McBride, inviteing & requiring him to come over

A Comm: to regulate.

so soon as he can; & in the mean Time there be Supplys appointed to preach in the old Meetinghouse, to keep Session with Mr Kirkpatrick till the said Committee meet, or till Mr McBride come home; & that no Subscriptions or Alterations be made till the Committtee meet in those two Congregations. The Members of the Committee are as follows:—Mr Jon Hutcheson, Mr Colvill, Mr Kennedy, Senr, Mr Thomb, Mr Darragh, Mr Thompson, Mr Rot: Haltridge, Mr Thos Sterlin, Mr Wm Gray, Mr John Sterlin, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Seth Drummond; each Prēsby to chuse a ruling Elder at their first Meeting; eleven of those to make a Quorum, whereof seven are to be Minrs, to meet at Belfast as above appointed. Each of the three Prēsbys in Belfast Synod to give 3 Supplys to the old Congregation of Belfast after this Order—Belfast to begin, Antrim next, & Down Prēsby the three last; these Supplys to be appointed before they leave the Town. All these things, together with the preceeding Part of this Minute, was read, voted, & approven, *nem: cont:* Thereafter the Synod adjourn'd till 8 next Morning.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Mr Malcom & Mr Kirkpatrick move that, for vindicating the Reputation of their Prēsby, this Synod would give their Judgement whether the Matter of Fact, for which Jon Johnson has been adduc'd as Witness, be proven or not? The Gentlemen of the new Erection in Belfast desire that the Synod would not alter the new Congregation, or order Mr Kirkpatrick to preach alternately in the two Houses, because of the bad Consequences which may follow thereupon. Partys being remov'd, the Synod came to vote whether the Matter of Fact against Mr Kirkpatrick & Mr Gowan be proven or not? It was carryed in the Negative, *nem: contrad:*; & that partly because he was *Testis Singularis*, & partly because his Character did not appear so fair as could be desir'd. The Synod then considered how to proceed further, & voted that the Gentlemen adducing him as an Evidence be admonisht to be more cautious for the future in aspersing Minrs, & adducing Witnesses of Suspected Reputation; & John Johnson be rebukt for reporting such a Fact, contrary to Christian Rules: which was accordingly done, exept the rebuking of Jno Johnston, who could not be found.

John Johnson doth not prove what the Appellts assert. The Ap: to be admonish; J: Johnson to be rebuk'd.

Rathfryland—James Johnson, &c:, produc'd their Commission to prosecute an Appeal made by Rathfryland from the Judgement of the Prēsby of Ardmagh, in divideing that Congregation into two, viz:, Rathfryland & Ballyroney, alledging by such a Division these of Rathfryland are rendered incapable to mentain the Gospel among. The Commission was read, as also the Appeal. Mr Alexr Gordon, Minr in Rathfryland, not being present, was sent for. There was a Latter from John McGill, Esqr, read, shewing his Dislike to that Division, & to that People's calling a Minr without acquainting him. There was also another Latter from the same Gentleman read, containing a Complaint against Jno McMullen, as having perfidiously contriv'd a Paper in order to leading those of Rathfryland to oppose Mr McGill's Design in Rathfryland. The Latter contains very sharp Reflections upon Mr McMullen's Character. Mr Gordon desir'd that some Minrs may go out & consider

Rath-Fryland.

Ardmagh erected a new Congregation in Rathfryland.

this Matter, & make Report. The Synod appointed Mr Kennedy, Senr, Mr Mairs, Mr Shennan, & Mr Darragh, to go on this Affair. These Brethren having convers'd with the Partys, overtur'd (with which Mr Gordon agreed) that Correspondents be sent to the Meeting of Ardmagh, for removing some Mistakes between that Meeting and Mr Gordon. They further overture that 2£ ℔ Annum be given by Ballyroney to Rathfryland, to make the Ballance even between Rathfryland & Ballyroney Congregations. Mr Gordon says he is not for this Division. The Synod considered the said Overture, to which they agreed, appointing Rathfryland to retain the Name of Rathfryland Congregation, & the other Congregation to be named Ballyroney Congregation; by which the Partition made by Ardmagh Prēsby is hereby confirm'd. For Correspondts with that Meeting, to the End above mention'd, we appoint two Members from Tyrone Meeting, two from Monaghan, & two from Down, to go to Rathfryland when call'd by Ardmagh Prēsby. Mr Hutcheson, Mr Mairs, & Mr Darragh, were appointed to write to Mr McGill an Answer to his to this Synod (Mr Mairs got Mr McGill's Latter).

wch Erection is confirm'd by this Synod.

Donnoghmore, nigh Newry, to be assisted.

Donnoghmore new Congregation, neighbouring to Newry—John Todd, &c:, Commrs—supplicated that thô, according to Contract with Newry Congregation, the weaker Congregation should be assisted by the stronger for support of the Ghospel, Application was made to their Prēsby of Ardmagh, what was promist not being perform'd; & getting no Redress from the Prēsby, they were necessitate to appeal to this Synod. The Appealants' Commission was read; also the Defendts' Reasons, by their Commr, James Ballentine, were heard. The Appealants held forth that in Equity Newry should perform their Contract, Donnoghmore Circumstances much requiring it. Upon the whole, we came to consider what shall be done in the Case. The Minutes of Ardmagh Prēsby relating thereunto being read, the Prēsby being fully heard, as also the Partys, who, being remov'd, we then voted whether annex Drumbanogher & the Glen to Donnoghmore for its Assistance from Lammas next. It was carryed, from Lammas next annex Drumbanogher & the Glen to Donnoghmore, Drumbanogher & the Glen paying what Stipend they owe to Newry before Lammas. Then they are to get their Testimonial.

Cogh Affair.

Coagh—Nicholas Sharp, &c:, Inhabitants about Coagh & Ballenderry, Commrs, supplicated, shewing that they addrest the Prēsby of Tyrone for a new Erection, & offer'd Reasons for the same; & pray'd that some from Monymore & Ballyclug Congregations might be annext to them for promoving the said intended Erection: which Desire that Meeting did not grant. The Petitioners therefore appeal'd to this Synod. The Appeal & Reasons thereof were read, also the Minutes of the Prēsby relative thereunto. The Appealants & Prēsby being heard, were remov'd. We then voted whether there be sufficient Ground of the Appeal or not? It was carryed, *nem: contradic:*, there is sufficient Ground of the Appeal. Then we voted whether the Prēsby of Tyrone shall be rebukt. It was carryed, rebuke. They being call'd in, were accordingly rebukt, & exhorted to rational Grounds to promote what may be for spreading of the Ghospel. Then it was voted, refer the whole Matter complexly to a Committee, or to the Synod of Monaghan? It was

carryed, refer to a Committee, whose Names follow :—from Down, Mr Biggar, Mr Jackson; from Belfast, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Gowan; from Antrim, Mr Scot, Mr Abernethy; from Colerain, Mr McGrigor, Mr Woodside; from Ardmagh, Mr Lang, Mr Millikin; from Monaghan, Mr Bap: Boyd, Mr Darragh; from Derry, Mr John Harvey, Mr Winsley: each Prēsby bring a ruling Elder; the Names follow:—Mr Blackwood, Mr Arth: Maxwel, Mr Wm Shaw, Nathanl Dunlop, Wm Fairis, Andw Pikan, David Cargill; to meet on the third Tuesday of July, at Ballenderry, at 10 a Clock in the Morning; 9 to be a Quorum, whereof 6 to be Minrs; the Meeting of Tyrone to give what Light in the Affair they can; Mr Thomb to open that Committee by Preaching; Mr Jas Scot to assist the People of Coagh by his Advice, if requir'd; if any Eldr now nam'd do not go, the Prēsby is to appoint another in his Place. Papers were return'd to the Appealants. Left to a Committee to meet at Ballenderry.

Lurgan—We find Belfast & Monaghan Synods take Care of that Congregation. Lurgan.

Monaghan Prēsby overtur'd that the Genll Synod Minutes be not ingrost till view'd by the respective Prēsbys, which being corrected (if need be), report be made to the ensueing Synod, at which Time they are to be ingrost. This Overture was agreed to, & we appoint the same Rule with respect to Particular Synods, and likewise that the Minutes of Prēsbys be not ingrost till insueing Prēsby. Overture from Monaghan Presbytery.

Colerain was supply'd as appointed.

Macasquy—Mr James Steuart reports that Affair is ended, yet he has been three Years among that People without any Support from them. He supplicates this Synod's Care of him. He has now no Congregation, & so not in a Way of Living. We agree that each Prēsby give him 20 Sh: with first Conveniency—this to assist him for present Support. He was recommended to Colerain Prēsby to take Care of him, & that he get a due Proportion of Students' Money collected in that Prēsby without further Delay. Moyra not yet planted, so the Money appointed to that Congregation is not yet payable. Macasquy. Mr Steuart desires the Synod's Care of him.

Monaghan Book—The Revisers thereof report they approve the Book. We appointed it to be inserted in the Margin by our Clerk. Synod Books. Report made.

Belfast Book—No Report thereof made by the Revisers.

This Synod takes no Notice of the Synod of Derry Book, it not being ingrost. We appoint that they ingross their Book against next Synod.

The Minute of the Synod relating to Mr Fisher was observ'd according to Appointment. Mr Fisher.

This Synod, considering that Subscriptions were given in order to providing a Fund for Dundalk, to plant the Ghospel there and other frontier Places, & pious uses, call'd for the said Subscription from each Prēsby; & the Brethren being askt what is done in that Matter, the consideration of this was referr'd to the Committee. Fund.

Summer-Hill—Mr Anthony Ferne, commissionate by a People in Summer-hill; & Mr John Paterson, being Commissionate by a People in Eden-Derry, supplicate, shewing there is a People in these two Places Sumerhill.

Edenderry annext to Ardmagh Meeting.

most willing to be planted with Ghospel Ordinances for their Supply & planting; desire to be joyn'd to such Prēsby as the Synod shall appoint. The Comm^rs being remov'd, we considered their Desire; &, by Plurality of Votes, annext them to the Meeting of Ardmagh, who is to plant them so soon as they can. That Prēsby, before they leave the Town, is to appoint Supplys to them & take Care of them.

Belfast old Congre: desire to be joyn'd to Down Meet:

The Gentlemen Appealants from Belfast now supplicate that, in Case M^r McBride do not come over, that they be joyn'd to the Prēsby of Down till they be settl'd with a Min^r by that Prēsby. They also mov'd that the Latter written by the Prēsby of Belfast, in Answer to M^r McBride's, May 7th, before mentioned, be not sent. They being remov'd, their first Desire was considered, & voted, grant or not? It carryed in the Negative by a Great Majority; & as to not sending the Latter to M^r McBride, this was agreed to by the Prēsby of Belfast, for that the Latter was not read with the appointed Amendments.

Time & Place of next Synod.

Next it was voted that the Time & Place of next Synod shall be at Derry, on the first Wednesday of June, 1709, at 10 a Clock. We then adjourn'd till 7 a Clock on Saturday Morning.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Day of publick Thankgiving app^td.

Down Prēsby overtur'd that there be a Day of publick Thanksgiving for a Deliverance from the late intended French Invasion; to which this Synod agrees, & appoints it to be observ'd on the last Tuesday of July. If the Government appoint a Day of Thanksgiving before the said Tuesday of July, we will observe the Day appointed by the Government. We also appoint a Fast to be observ'd on the 2^d Wednesday of Agust, if the Goverment do not appoint one sooner.

We agree that wherever God, in Providence, orders Mr Alex^r Hutcheson his Residence within the Bounds of any of our Prēsbys, that he be enjoyn'd to act as a Member of that Prēsby within whose Bounds he shall dwell.

Letter to M^r McBride.

Mr John Mairs was appointed to write a kind, affectionate Letter to M^r McBride, in Answer to his written to the Synod, & invite & require him to come home so soon as he can. The Letter was read; which, with the appointed Amendments, is to be subscrib'd by Mod^r & Clerk. It was subscrib'd.

Appeal.

M^r McCrackan & Mr Adair moving that their Appeal and Protestation with the Reasons, may be discust, that Affair is left to next Gen^ll Synod.

Mr John Wilson.

Mr John Wilson, a Member of Ardmagh Meeting, at the Desire of the Gentlemen Appellants in Belfast, was appointed to Clerk to Belfast Affair. They desir'd the Extract of those Minutes relating to them. He got the Papers relating thereunto, & went out for that End. He reported that now he can't do it. He was appointed to send a Coppy to each Party.

Slego.

Overtur'd by the Synod of Derry, how Slego Congregation shall be supported. That to be consider'd upon the Fund.

Overtur'd by the Synod of Monaghan, for a delegated Number in-Stead of the Gen[l] Synod. This to be brought into the next Gen[l] Synod, to be considered the first Thing on the first Sederunt, each Synod to prepare of their Thoughts of the Expediency of such Delegation. Delegation in stead of Gen[l] Synod.

Dundalk, by Robert Monypenny & Daniel Murphy, shew how destitute they are of Ghospel Ordinances, because their Min[r], M[r] John Wilson, is remov'd to Carlinford; to which they condescended the more readily because of a promist 30£, while they stood in need of it out of the Fund; which they desire to be collected, & accordingly apply'd. This, as also Droneda, to be considered afterward. Dundalk.

Time will not allow now to read those Minutes, the revising whereof is devolv'd on M[r] Malcom, M[r] Adair, M[r] Pettegrew, M[r] Orr, M[r] Abernethy, M[r] Biggar, with our Clerk. This Work to be done on Monday come se'night, at Belfast. Committee to revise these Minutes.

Interloq[r] I[st].

The Meeting of Colerain did shew that Coleraine Congregāon incline to call M[r] John Scott, a Probationer in Down Meeting; want Advice whether they shall encourage that People to proceed in their Design. Down gave M[r] Scot a Good Testimony, & believe he is fitt for that Place. We advis'd that Meeting to go on in the ordinary Way with M[r] Scot, in order to his fixing in Coleraine—Coleraine Meeting applying to Down Meeting for his Testimonials. Colerain was advis'd to proceed with M[r] Scot.

The Government appointed a Brief for Reliefe of Lisburn. No Account of M[r] Neil Beaton.

M[r] M[c]Gachine's five shillings from each Member is not yet payd. The several Prēsbys are to meet & report what is payd & what is behind, in order to advancing the said Money. M[r] Lee got his appointed 10£ out of R:D: Glenarm Bussiness is concluded. M[r] M[c]Gachy's 5[s].

Overtur'd by Monaghan Synod, that there be no Deduction of R:D: for Support of weak Congregations, except the 10£ per Annum promist by the Synod to M[r] Lee while he continues in Brechy, till that Congregation be able to relieve us. It was voted & carryed by Plurality in the Affirmative, with the Exception.

A Refer from Belfast Synod, in a Matter relating to Belfast Prēsby, detaining M[r] M[c]Bride's Call to this Interloq[r], was here read. Overtur'd by the Prēsby of Belfast, that Interloq[rs] be shunn'd as far as may be till Synod Bussiness be over; which was voted & unanimously approven.

M[r] Tho[s] Crawford, Treasurer of R:D:, being dead, we considered whom to appoint for that Work. This we referr'd to the Committee, of which afterward. The Names of the Committee appointed to consider the Fund, & what propos'd by Major Handcock about Athlone Meeting house & his Accounts, are:—M[r] Hamilton, M[r] Mairs, M[r] Malcom, M[r] Kirkpatrick, M[r] Futt, M[r] Abernethy, M[r] John Hutcheson, M[r] Colvill, M[r] Kennedy, Sen[r], M[r] Thomb, M[r] Haltridge, M[r] Tho[s] Sterlin, M[r] W[m] Gray, M[r] Henry, M[r] Seth Drummond, M[r] John M[c]Gachine, M[r] Jos: Cornwall, with the Mod[r] & Clerk; Ruling Elders, Com: for y[e] Fund.

Mr Kennedy, Mr Arthr Maxwell, Capt Shaw, Mr Stevenson, Mr Robt Moor, Majr Handcock, Mr Ballentine, Mr John Boyd.

Cork.

A Supplication from Mr Softlow & Mr Johnes, desiring Mr Gray to be transported to Cork, was discust in Synod—Page 126.*

T:-Patrick Appeal.

Mr Upton desired that Temple-Patrick Appeal from a Vote of Belfast Synod, relating to Ballylyny, might be considered here. It was agreed that Mr Hutcheson, Mr Kennedy, Mr Bruce, confer with Mr Kirkpatrick, Arrears being due to Bro: Kirkpatrick while Minr in Temple-Patrick; Mr Upton to be present at this Conference; each of the appointed Minrs to have a ruling Elder, if they see fit, on that communing, & make Report.

COMMITTEE METT.

Major Handcock.

Athlone.

Major Thos Handcock read some Papers, shewing his Vigilance & expence in building a Meeting-House at Athlone. He prays that his Accounts may be examin'd, that he may be reimburst by the Donors of the Fund—beside other Summs he is indebted, there is a ten Pound Bond. The Consideration of this was left to Mr Upton, Dr Ferguson, Capt Shaw, or any two of them, & report how they find that Account; the Committee to meet after the Sederunt of the Synod: but thô there were several Appointments of the Committee to sitt, yet Multitude of Bussiness marr'd their Sitting to bring Bussiness to a Period; therefore left things to the Interloqr.

Interloqr IId.

Overture.

It was overtur'd by Derry Synod, that Mr Sam: Henry, of Slego, be allow'd a Share of the publick Fund, & that Alderman Brooks, in Derry, be refounded 15£, with the Interest, which he on a publick Occasion expended, & that the same be pay'd out of the Money collected in Derry, on the publick Fund. That Affair with Veny-Cash, Dundalk, Moyra, Golan, are to be considered by the Committee to meet at Ballenderry, & what other frontier Places are tabl'd before them.

Major Handcock's Accounts to be revis'd.

It was appointed (pursuant to Major Handcock's earnest Desire to have his Accompts view'd & himself vindicated from any Imputation) that Mr Arthr Maxwell, Mr Alexr Adair, Capt Brice, with such other Donors of the Fund as shall be in Belfast on Monday next, at 3 a Clock *a Merid:*, with Mr Alexr Sinclair, Mr Warrington, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Alexr Flemming, shall revise those Accounts relating to Athlone Meetinghouse, & as they find the Accomts to report to the Committee to meet at Ballenderry.

Mr Bryce Blair Chosen Treasurer of R:D:

Touching our future Treasurer of R:D:, several were propos'd that one thereof should be chosen. Some were for one residing in Dublin, others were otherwise minded. We voted that our Treasurer should be in the North, in Belfast. Of the Persons nam'd, Mr Brice Blair, of Belfast, was chose by Plurality of Votes. He is to have the Same Salary Mr Crawford had. He is to transmitt each Prēsby's share without Charge to them. He being call'd was inform'd of this our Choice & Conclusion. He propos'd that if he send to such Minrs in their Bounds as shall lye

* [Page 149 in printed Minutes.]

most contiguous to him, it shall be sufficient for him. Such Min^r is to Convey his Prēsby's Share safe to their Hand. He is to give twelve Hundred Pounds Security, which the Committee to meet in Belfast Agust next is to take; & what Money belonging to the publick Fund is in his Hand, or shall be pay'd to him ℘ Order, he is to give a Note for Such Summ or Summs to Mr Andrew Maxwel, in Belfast. Mr Crawford is to accquaint Mr Iredell that Mr Blair is chosen Treasurer of R:D:

Touching the fixt Committee, each Prēsby, at their first Sed^t, is to chuse their two Members, & transmitt their Names for Belfast Synod to Mr Bruce, for Derry Synod to Mr Ro^t Craighead, for Monaghan Synod to Mr John Hutcheson. The rest of the Minutes to be as before, of which Mr Iredell is to be advertis'd. Fixt Committee.

As to the Minutes of the fixt Committee twice at Dungenan since last Synod, this, with other things in that Synod's Interloq^r, which Time will not allow now to discuss, therefore, must be referr'd to next Genl Synod.

Mr Upton mov'd that Counsellor Stevens, being imploy'd to negotiate somewhat relating to this Church, some Grievances were narrated, did what in his Power; but being well inform'd that the then Circumstances of Time with respect to a new Parliment in Britain did not allow pushing on his Design. The Gentleman has been at great Charge, beside Loss of Time & Neglect of Bussiness at Home; therefore should be gratify'd that a Hundred Pound is the least that can be given him—this to be pay'd out of the Fund—& that a civil Letter be wrote to Mr Stevens: to which it was agreed. Mr Iredell, as well as others, wrote to this Purpose. Counsel^r Stevens.

AND^W CRAFORD, Clk: Syn: Gen:

The Synod appointed Mr Orr, Mr Adair, Mr Biggar, Mr Malcom, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Abernethy, with our Clerk, to meet & revise These Minutes in Belfast on Monday come se'night.

Quo Die & Loco (being the 14th Inst.), Mr Malcom, Mr Abernethy, Mr Biggar & the Clerk mett. The other Brethren not being come, we adjourn'd till the Morning. Mr Pettegrew is come; is excus'd for his Reasons given. We sent for the other two Brethren, if in Town. The Messengers told us Mr Adair was in Town, but is gone, but no Account of Mr Orr.

June 15th. *Sed^t* the above Br^n.

Mr Biggar was chosen Mod^r. The Clerk desir'd that another Clerk may be chosen. Mr Abernethy was chosen. Having gone through several Minutes, we adjour'd till 3 a Clock.

Sed^t qui Supra. After Prayer.

Our Procedure in the Minutes requir'd much Time. Change of Clerks perplext. Papers oblidg'd to many Hours' Continuance. Then we adjour'd till 7 in the Morning.

Sed^t qui supra. After Pray^r

We revis'd the remaining Part of the Minutes, & agreed to attest y^m.

Subscribitur—

Finis.

W^M BIGGAR, Mod^r.
JOHN MALCOM.
STAF^D PETTEGREW.
AND: CRAWFORD.
JOHN ABERNETHY.

Sess: 1ma.

A General Synod at Belfast, pro re nata, Septemb^r 8th, 1708.

Mr Wm Holmes, of Straban, Mod^r of the General Synod, being advis'd by Plurality of Prēsbys to call the Synod to meet here, on the Affair of the Congregations of Belfast.

Mr Holmes, the Mod^r, having open'd the Synod by Preaching, & after Constitution by Prayer, *sederunt*, Min^rs 54, Ruling Elders 40.

The Mod^r produc'd a Letter, subscrib'd by six Min^rs & two Elders, Members of the late appointed Committee for the Affair of Belfast, shewing the Necessity of calling the Genl Synod to meet here on the last Tuesday of Agust, for regulating that People & allaying their Heats. The Mod^r did shew that he being in a Strait as to that Matter, wrote circular Letters to the respective Prēsbys for Advice whether he should call the Synod or not; &, by Plurality of Prēsbys, he was advis'd to call the Synod, which accordingly he did, to meet on the above mention'd 8th of Septemb^r. We voted, approve the Mod^r's so calling us or not? It was carryed, unanimously, approve. The Mod^r desiring that a new Mod^r might be chosen, we voted, continue the Mod^r or not? It was carryed, *nem: con:*, continue. Then it was voted, continue or change the Clerk. It carryed, continue.

The Mod^r approven in calling us now. Mod^r & Clerk continued.

Comm:

The late Synod having appointed a Committee to meet here on the first Wednesday of Agust last, for regulating the Affairs and Pastoral Labours of the Min^rs in Belfast in those two Congregations; & those Min^rs not having so mett as to make a Quorum, on which they did no Bussiness, the Several Prēsbys were requir'd if they had chosen their Elder who should attend that Committee. Ardmagh reported that their Min^rs & Elder was there. Tyrone forgot to chuse their Elder (as they now acknowledge) by Reason of the Great Hurry of the late Committee at Ballenderry, & they said they got not the Synod Minutes till that Committee. The Clerk said he sent ℔ Post seasonably to the several Prēsbys, Account of Belfast Committee & Members thereof. None of the appointed Members for Belfast Committee are here, except the Mod^r, who gave as the Reasons of his Absence, that he was sick. He also did shew that there being some Surmises that there was traffiquing to mar the Committee's Meeting, of which he knows nothing.

We leave the Censure & Examination of those Brethren, appointed to be at the late Committee, to the Genl Synod, except Mr Holmes, whom we have now excus'd. Adjour'd to 3 this Afternoon. Absents referr'd to next Synod.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer). Sess: 2da.

The Rules for orderly Procedure in Synodical Bussiness were read, and all Members enjoyn'd to a punctual Observance of the same. Rules read.

We then considered what Method to take in managing Belfast Affair, now come under our Cognisance. Some propos'd it as prudent to pass what Mistakes hath been on either side, & that both Min^rs & People give in writing what they have to say, & then being remov'd the Synod will judge. M^r McBride & Mr Kirkpatrick being heard, both protest Desire of Peace; then appear'd Comm^rs from the old Congregation, Messrs And^w Maxwel, Henry Chads & John Black, Members of their Session, & Edwd Bryce Esqr, Doctor Peacock, Mr Isaac McCartney, Mr Ro^t Lennox, to appear before this Synod *pro re nata*, which Commission was subscrib'd by many Hands, impowring said Comm^rs to wait on this Synod & to act in their Name in all Things relating to their Congregation. Also appear'd, Wm Crawford, Esqr, Jo^n Chalmers, Wm Rainey, Senr, James Arbucles, John Eccles, Bryce Blair, Dav^d Buttle, Dr Victor Ferguson, Edwd Wilson, Alex^r Adair, Jo^n Rainey, Geo. McCartney, John Greg, Robt Wilson, Robt Andrews, Robt Millikin, Hugh Boyd, Hugh Dyatt, Wm Rogers, Jo^n Bell, Thos Lyle, Joseph Biggar, Jo^n Armstrong, Wm Rainey, Junr, Alex^r Moor, Henry Chads, Junr, John Taylor, Wm Sharper, or any 7 of them, commissionate by the new Congregation, subscrib'd by Many Hands, to appear before this Synod in all things relating to them, to act & do as if they were personally present. Papers on both Hands were produc'd & read; the old Congregation produc'd a Petition consisting of many Paragraphs, they also produc'd Reasons for the said Petition; the new Congregation produc'd a Representation of their Grievances, with a Petition thereupon, in which Grievances we find a Complaint of Mr Thos Orr, that he, by Advice of some Brethren at Tannaughneeve, did intimate from the Pulpit of the old Congregation, that those who were for M^r McBride might subscribe a Paper to be shewn to them by ruling Eld^rs (M^r McBride Threatning to go away if he did not know his Charge); which they humbly conceive is a Violation of the Synod's Act, & prejudicial to the new Congregāon. Mr Orr being call'd & askt what he did in the Matter, he own'd he had spoken to that Purpose from that Pulpit, he being advis'd so to do, and also judging it convenient that M^r McBride should know his Congregation. Withall that Committee not meeting, he believ'd the Restriction was over. All being remov'd but Members, we did proceeed to the serious Consideration of all that hath been said before us. M^r McCrackan desir'd that his Protestation, as also Mr Adair's, with their Dissent, brought into the late Synod, but then deferr'd, might now be discust. We considered this his Desire, & voted whether enter on the *Res nata*, & some proper Expedient for healing the Differrences in those Congregations which is the End of our coming hither, or discuss the said Protestation now? It was

Belfast Affair.

Complaint of Mr Orr.

Protestation.

M^r McCrackan's Protestation.

carryed, delay the Discussing the Protestation now, & that we enter on some proper expedient for obtaining the End of our Meeting. The aforesaid Papers were again read; & begun with the Supplication presented by the old Congregation, the Paragraphs thereof being read severally. The first whereof was that the Congregation meeting in the old Meetinghouse should be under the Pastoral Care of Mr John M^c^Bride, may be distinct from & independ^t^ on any other Congregation, in all Things relating to them as a christian Congregation, like as others in this Church are; which we seriously considering, by Vote Granted what's desir'd in the said Paragraph. As to the 2^d^ Paragraph, that they be oblidg'd only to mentain their own Min^r^ who ruleth them & labours in Word & Doctrine among them, and they willingly oblidge them selves to count him worthy of double Honour according to their Ability; which being considered, was by vote also granted.

Old Congregaẽn's Petition read.

Some Br^n^, viz:, Mr Matt: Clerk, James M^c^Grigor, Thos Sterlin, are now come. Being inquir'd why they came so late, they said they did not see the Mod^r's^ Letter till Yesterday afternoon. They say the Letter was sent to Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, but did not come to their Hands. They say Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick said there was no Need of a Synod for the Affair. These Br^n^ are excus'd, but Mr Kirkpatrick is to be examin'd at next Genl Synod. Mr Hallyday, Mr Houston, Mr Drummond, Mr John Maior, Mr Woodside, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Haltridge, Mr Hen: Hamilton, Mr Gaudy, Mr Arc^d^ Boyd, Mr Thos Craighead, were excus'd for their Reasons given in their Latter, & by Br^n^ reporting in their Favour. Some urging about Mr Orr & his Management formerly, mention'd that it might be voted, whether what Mr Orr did in Belfast comes in orderly before us. It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, that it comes not orderly into this Synod. From which vote Mr Jno Malcom did, in his own Name & those who adhere to him, protest. He promist his Reasons against to morrow Morning.

Sess: 3^tia^.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra.. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

A Latter from Mr Francis Iredell to this Synod was read, wherein he shews his earnest Desire that all due Measures may be taken for healing those Rents in Belfast Congregations, & prays for a Comfortable Isue to our Meeting. Some Brethren moved to this Synod, whether Belfast Prēsby, so much concern'd in Belfast Affair, & was rebukt by last Genl Synod for their Precipitancy in that Affair, should now, according to order & known Rules, sitt, vote, & judge, in this Matter; upon which there was Reasoning, whether, thô regularly & according to Order they might be turn'd out, yet might not be expedient now so to do. Then the vote was stated, turn out Belfast Prēsby or not? It was carryed, not; but some apprehending that it might be more conducive to Order, & accelerating our Bussiness, mov'd that the Vote might be resum'd, and, after Reasoning, it was voted, resume or not? It carryed, resume. Then the Vote was propos'd again, turn out Belfast Prēsby or not? It was carryed, turn out; from which Vote Mr Malcom, in his own Name, & of those who adhere to him, protested *in futuram Rei Memoriam*, for which he is to give his Reasons within the limited Time.

Belfast Prēsby turn'd out.

And Mr Andrew Crawford, being a Member of Belfast, being oblidg'd to remove, the Synod propos'd a Leet of two Brethren, viz:— Mr Matt: Clerk, & Mr Jo: Wilson, that one of them might be chosen Clerk to this Affair. Mr Wilson was chosen Clerk *pro Tempore.* A new Clerk chosen.

Then the Synod proceeded to consider the Remaining Part of the Artickles of the Petition of the old Congregation, & the 3d being read, it was consider'd, &, after some Reasoning, referr'd; as also was the 4th Artickle of the said Petition. The Synod enter'd on the Consideration of the 5th Artickle, concerning the Seats; which, when under Consideration, the Commrs from the new Congregation, propos'd that a Petition which they offer'd might be considered before any more Bussiness be proceeded in. This was considered, & the Synod advis'd them to lodge their Paper in the Clerk's Hand till the present Bussiness be dispatcht, & till the Commrs from the old Congregation be also present; this they from the new Congregation acquiesc'd in. Then the Consideration of the 5th Artickle was resum'd; and it was appointed that a Member be sent to Hugh Cunningham, Clerk to the Session of the old House, to have the Rules & Lists concerning the settling Seats of the old House in Readiness when call'd for. The Synod thought it now convenient to consider a Paper of Grievances given in by the Commrs from the new Congregation, and the whole Paper being read & the Method of Procedure therein being propos'd & considered, that we may have further Light in the Matter, two Brethren were sent to the Commrs of each Congregation—two or 3 of each Side being desired to come & speak with the Synod. The Brn went as appointed, & (in the mean till The Commrs should come) a Latter from Mr Saml Henry of Slego was read, complaining of his insupportable Grievances at Slego for Want of Maintenance, & urging that this Synod may fall upon some Expedient to relieve him, accord to an Overture propos'd by the late Committee at Ballenderry, in the Clerk's Hands, and now read, which is as follows:— Grievances given in by the new House to be consider'd. Slego.

At a Committee at Bellenderry, July 20th, 1708, The Committee having consider'd how to support the Congregation of Slego, overture the Prēsby of Derry pay £5 10s:, The Prēsby of Coleraine pay £4 10s:, The Prēsby of Convoy pay £5 10s:; each Prēsby to take such prudent Methods to raise it, according to the Ability of Congregations, as they think fitt, and pay the Money so appointed before the first of Septembr next, To Mr Saml Henry or Order. Overture by the Comm: at Ballenderry.

Extracd ℣ Bapst Boyd, Clerk Com: Bal:

The Request was considered, & the Synod came to this Vote, approve the Overture of said Committee or not? It carryed approve, with this Amendment, that the Money be paid the first Day of Novembr next. Mr Henry also complains that one Pound ten Sh:, which was given to Mr Thos Orr, should have been given to him, but was not. This also was consider'd, & the Synod thought fitt to continue said Money in Mr Biggar's, where it's now lodg'd.

The Commrs from both the Congregations of Belfast being now come, These of the old produc'd a List of their Payments, amounting to £77 9s: 11d:, whereof they say there is £15 : 0 : 0 nonsolvent; & those List Payments from Both Congregations produc'd & read.

of the new produc'd a List of their Congregation & Payments, amounting to £44 17s: 7d: They both declare that these List contain all the subscribing Members of both Congregations, except some whom the new now offer to be considered. The Paper was read, containing a List of Members not mentioned in the former Roll, & able to pay ℔ An: the Summ of £9 10s: 0d: There were also produc'd by the new Congregation, several Lists & Ballances of Lists, & Lists of Deficiency in both Congregations. All these List were read, & the Comm^rs from both Congregations heard; &, after much serious Reasoning upon this Difficult and complex Affair, these of the old Congregation produc'd a Paper intituld, Overtures for regulating the Seats in the old Meeting-house, now vacant by the Removal of their Proprietor to the new House; this was also read. After Very much Reasoning it was overtur'd, that the Comm^rs of both sides meet & try what they can do amoungh themselves, in order to an Amicable Composition of all their Differrences as to this Matter; this the Com^rs acquies'd in and desir'd to chuse two or three of each Side, and a Min^r to assist them in the Conference; and, accordingly, the Persons chosen by the Comm^rs from the old House were—Mr Henry Chads, Mr Isaac McCartney, & Capt: Brice. They chose Mr John Mairs to assist them. They of the new Congregation chose Mr Buttle, Mr John Rainey, & Mr Alex^r Adair, & M^r S: Pettegrew to assist them. The Synod also appointed Mr Arch^d Macclain to be present at this Conference & give his Assistance thereunto. The Synod further appointed M^r McBride & Mr Kirkpatrick to be heard as to all these Things in the very Beginning of next Sess:, which is to be at 3 a Clock this Afternoon.

Sess: 4ta.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Mr Paterson of Cumbers referr'd to Down Meet:

M^r McBride appear'd, but, Mr Kirkpatrick not being come, the hearing of him was delay'd a Little; & in the mean Time, Mr Ro^tt Paterson, in Cumber, presented a Petition desiring this Synod to bring him to a Tryall as to some Aspersions cast upon him, and notic'd by the late Genl Synod. This was considered, and referr'd to the Judgement & Determination of the Prēsby of Down with Correspond^ts from Belfast & Antrim, each of these Prēsbys to send two Min^rs & two ruling Elders when requir'd by Down Prēsby.

The Min^rs are satisfy'd with the Overture.

M^r McBride produc'd his Call to Belfast Congregation, which was read according to his Desire, and he farther heard. Mr Kirkpatrick was desir'd to produce his Call, which he also did, and it was read, & he further heard; and then both Calls were return'd to the Min^rs; and all Partys being remov'd, the whole Affair was considered, and at Length this Overture propos'd, viz:—that Both Congregations be settled and provided for by voluntary Subscriptions, & that those who are able to advance in either Congregation be friendly, & earnestly advis'd thereunto, and that no indirect, nor underhand dealing, or practising with either Side, be us'd among them for procuring Subscriptions; and, further, that no Subscriptions be taken but in presence of some appointed by each Congregation for that Purpose jointly; also, that all Subscriptions otherwise taken, than as above directed or hereafter limited by this Synod, shall be *in ipso Facto nihil*; &, further, that

the former Subscriptions shall not oblidge them, where they have already subscrib'd, if they have a mind to alter, nor hinder them from advancing, if they see fitt to do it.

The two Min^rs were call'd, and this was read to them. They being heard, both of them declar'd that for their own Part they were well satisfy'd with this Overture, and resolv'd to acquiesce in what ever their respective Congregations shall think fitt in the Matter, according to the Direction of the Synod. It was further overtur'd, that an equal Number of Comm^rs from each Congregation go about to each Person to take up the said Subscriptions, and that the said Comm^rs shall take up Subscriptions against Wednesday next, exclusive at farthest (it being propos'd that the Time for accomplishing the Subscriptions was too short for such a Work). A Vote was stated, whether the limited Time should be Wednesday or Thursday next. It was carryed Wednesday by a considerable Majority; and in Case any be absent who are to subscribe, that the Subscriptions of such be taken within some convenient Time after their coming home; that in Case any Congregation shall refuse to go about with the other in equal Numbers to take up such Subscriptions; that, in that Case, it shall be lawfull for the other Party to go alone, and perfect that Work within the limited Time (or as it shall be hereafter directed) *sub Pœna.* And, farther, when these Subscriptions are thus taken, each Congregation shall from that Time forward be distinct the one from the other, so that none shall or may for the future leave the one and go to the other, without Testimonials from the Min^r & Session to whom they subscribe. This Overture was several Times read, & the Vote stated, approve or not? It was carryed Approve, *nem: contrad;* The Partys being call'd, this, our Vote, was read to them. They were exhorted to Unanimity therein being the unanimous Judgement of this Synod. The Consideration of the Seats left in the old House by those who are gone to the new, was referr'd to the next Session, which was appointed to be at 7 in the Morning.

Calls read.

Subscriptions.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Sess: 5ta.

The Comm^rs from the two Congregations not being come, their Affair was delay'd. Appear'd from Ballroney & Moneymore, John Bell, Comm^r; produc'd a Supplication complaining that the new Erection at Coagh, and the Proceedings of the Committee which met last at Ballenderry, had, in that Affair, occasion'd some Grievances to the Congregations of Monymore and Ballyroney, from which they desire to be reliev'd by this Synod. Also appear'd, Richd Kenkin and James Hogg, inhabitants within the Scheme of the new Erection at Coagh, Com^rs, complaining of that Committee's too sudden Procedure in erecting that Congregation without calling or consulting them. There appear'd also from Coagh, Duncan Johson and John McNeil, Com^rs, complaining of several Indirect Practises us'd by some in Monymore and Ballyroney Congregations to obstruct such a Good Work as that Erection was; all these Papers were considered, and a Vote propos'd, delay this whole Matter till next Genl Synod or not? It was carryed delay, yet, notwithstanding of this Vote, the Synod acquainted those

Ballylynny.
Monymore.
Coagh.

Referr'd to next Synod.

from Coagh that this Vote is not to hinder them to proceed in their own Affairs. It was observ'd by this Synod that, in a Supplication from Ballyclug, & allow'd by the Prēsby of Tyrone, there were some things that were offensive; whereupon this Synod did admonish that Prēsby to be more catious for the Future in allowing Testimonials of that Nature. The Papers belonging to the several Partys were return'd to them. Mr John Gaudy with the Reasons of his Absence, were consider'd sustain'd. He was excus'd. It's now reported by several Brn, that Mr Archd Boyd being on his Way hither fell sick, he was oblidg'd to return. He was also excus'd.

The Commrs from Belfast being now come, the Synod proceeded to consider the Affair. Those of the old Congregation suspected that the Synod might fall on some proper Expedient and speedy Method, for prevailing with those of the new Congregation to dispose of those Seats in the old House, seeing otherwise they cannot accommodate their People with Seats in the old House, as they can do theirs in the new. This was considered, and the Comrs from both Sides being heard, Mr McBride and Mr Kirkpatrick being also heard, all Partys being remov'd, The Synod then considered the Supplication; and what was offer'd by each Party being duely weigh'd, some Brn remembred that Mr Kirkpatrick & the Commrs from the new Congregāon propos'd that they thought that the sending of some Brn to confer a little while with each Party might have some good Effect. This was considered, voted, & approven; granted accordingly. Mr Bruce & Mr Lang were appointed to go and confer with the new Congregation of Belfast; Mr Futt & Mr Abernethy with the old. These Brn were appointed to make Report of their Diligence & Success, in the Beginning of next Session.

Drumbanogher. Glen. Donnoghmore.

Wm Waterson & Wm Andrew, Commrs from the Glen & Drumbannogher, who by Appointment of last Genl Synod were annext to Donnoghmore Congregation, produc'd a Supplication holding forth their Grievances from the Annexation of them to that Congregation, and desir'd Relief from this Synod. Their Supplication was read & considered, & the Vote was stated, refer this whole Affair to the Synod of Monaghan or not? It was carryed, referr.

Interloqr.

The Brn who were sent to confer with the Commrs from both Congregations not being yet return'd, The Synod thought it convenient to take a Interloqr for some few Minutes; and, accordingly, all being remov'd but Minrs, the Matters under Cognisance are to be found after the Minutes of this Synod. The Brethren returning to open Synod, and not finding a Return of the Conference appointed, ordered next Session to be at 3 *a Merid:*

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

The Synod, intending to proceed upon the Affair of Belfast, requir'd the Minrs who were sent to converse with the Commrs, to make report of their Diligence; & they report that both Sides seem to be agreed in several Particulars which the Minrs reported; and, they being considered, the Synod appointed said Brethren, together with the Clerk of the Synod *pro Tempore*, to withdraw & form an Overture out of the

Proposals of both Sides, and present the same to be considered by the Synod. The Brethren withdrew (Mr Andrew Crawford, Clerk to the Synod, being to Clerk what Bussiness might fall in the Interim), & after some Time return'd, and reported they have the following Overtures to propose :— 1st. That the Act of this Synod, relating to the Affairs of the two Congregations in Belfast, be publisht from each Pulpit next Lord's Day by Mr Wilson, Clerk *pro Tempore*; by which Act it is declar'd that every Person is at full liberty to subscribe to either of the two Congregations as they think fit, any thing formerly done notwithstanding. II. That Subscriptions be taken on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday next, between the Hours of 2 & 6 in the Afternoon, at the Session House, before three Elders of each Congregation, and that no Subscriptions be taken till then or any where else. III. & in Case that all Persons shall not subscribe within the above mention'd three Days & Hours, that then it shall be on the following Sabbath again intimated that Subscriptions shall be taken on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday thereafter, at the Session House, in the Manner aforesaid; and in Case any Persons be indispos'd, or cannot for other Reasons attend at the Said Time, then their writing a Latter declaring their Inclination, to which Meetinghouse they will joyn, to the aforesaid Elders, shall be equivalent to their formal Subscribing, thô it's judg'd more expedient & decent that each Person subscribe personally; and that no Subscriptions be taken after the above mention'd Days are expir'd (except as in the Act as above excepted). IV. And in Case either of the two Minrs shall be absent and out of the Bounds of the Congregation during the Time or any Part of the Time in which such Subscriptions shall be taken, then the other Minr shall also be absent; and that taking Subscriptions in the Manner and Form above directed is not intended to weaken, alter, or invalidate the forementioned Act of this Synod, relating to the Affair of the two Congregations in Belfast, except in the Manner & Time for receiving Subscriptions. V. That Subscriptions be taken in Manner as directed, and the Division of the two Congregations perfected; and that in order to the disposing of & settling the Seats left in the old House by them who have gone to the new House, each Congregation shall chuse an Arbitrator, who shall not be Member of either Congregation, for adjusting Matters concerning their Seats, to whose Judgement both Congregations shall submitt; and in Case two such Arbritators shall not agree & come to a full & peacable Resolution, this Synod shall chuse one to be an Umpire between both. And, whereas, those of the new Congregation claim a Right to the overplus Stipend due at May last, Mr Kirkpatrick's Salary & Supplyers' charges being first paid, that shall also be referr'd to, judg'd, and determin'd by the said Arbitrators or Umpire. Hereupon, the Commrs from each Congregation, were appointed to go aside & chuse an Arbitrator for managing the Affairs of their Seats. They withdrew, & returning, reported those of the old Congregation had made Choice of Clotworthy Upton, Esqr as their Arbitrator, and the new Congregation reported that they had made Choice of Arthur Maxwel, Esqr as their Arbitrator. The Synod being herewith satisfy'd, made Choice of Henry McCulloch, Esqr as Umpire, whereto the Commrs agreed.

Overtures to the Synod. 1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th.

VI. In order to the expeding this Bussiness, this Synod appointed 6th.

said Arbitrators to meet first against Thursday come se'night, or as soon after as they conveniently can, that they adjourn themselves from Time to Time till they give up their Award, which, at farthest, they are to do at or before the sixth of October next; which Award is to be given in Writing to the Session of each Congregation, attested under their Hands; and in Case the Arbitrators shall not agree, the within mention'd Umpire shall give his Umpreage, under his Hand, to each Session, at or before the eleventh of Octob^r next.

The Comm^rs from the old Congregation propose, that seeing the new Congregation lay Claim to the Surplus Stipend till May last (Mr Kirkpatrick's Salary & Supplyers' Charges being pay'd out of it), that what other Charges they were at upon Account of their Congregational Concerns, may be also submitted to the Judgement and Determination of said Arbitrators or Umpire. This was consider'd, and the Synod agreed thereto, with this Express Proviso, that a Sum not exceeding 10£ Ster: shall be requir'd of the new Congregation, as their Moyety of said Charges, and that the new Congregation do discharge the old from bearing any Part of Mr Kirkpatrick's Salary since May last. These Overtures were all read, and the Vote stated, Approve the whole or not? It was carryed approve, *Nem: Contradic:* The Com^rs from both Congregations were call'd, this Act was read to them, and they were earnestly exhorted to acquiesce therein, seeing it was the Unanimous Judgem^t of this Synod.

Extract ℔ JOHN WILSON, C:G:S:, *pro Tempore.*

Interloq^r.

Publick Subscriptions.

The Brethren mett. Mr Clotworthy Upton desir'd to know what is done in the Subscriptions, that the End of the Fund being so very desireable requires all Diligence in getting up the Money; especially Money being dew to Counsellor Stevens, what was to be given to him being considered at the late Genl Synod. This being weigh'd, the Bret^n agreed, seeing the Subscriptions do not Sufficiently answer for weak Congregations and pious Uses, that a Collection be made in every of our Congregations, for as speedy advancing Money as may be. This to be manag'd with all due Prudence, and in the Collections Regard to be had to Subscribers.

Mr Upton also propos'd, seeing there is an Appeal to the late Genl Synod in June last from the Synod of Belfast sitting in January last, by T: Patrick Congregation on Account of Ballylynny, The Appeal & Reasons thereof not being discust at that Synod, that now it be taken under Consideration. The Reason of the Desire was, that Ballylynny being in Arrear to Mr Ja^s Kirkpatrick, late Min^r in Temple-Patrick, & T: Patrick not being lyable to Ballylynny Arrears, which occasions some Hinderance to their Replanting, the Matter being reason'd *hinc inde,* The Vote was stated, whether Ballylynny Arrear is a Congregational Debt on T: Patrick? It carryed in the Affirm: It was inquir'd what Arrear was due by Ballylynny. It was answer'd 12£, which they do not see how it will be paid. It was further considered, whether ask Mr Kirkpatrick what he will do in that Matter, if he will forgive

Ballylynny owes 12£ to Mr Kirkpatrick.

that Money. Mr Crawford was sent out to commune with him on this Head, who, returning, reported that Bro: Kirkpatrick will not insist on that twelve Pound, it being a Congregational Debt, from Affection to that People, & Zeal for their Replanting, and Regard to that People's Poverty, he willingly forgives the said Money, which himself own'd in the Interloqr, as also in open Synod, where this Affair was publickly discust.

Mr Upton further overtur'd to the Synod, that a Minrs Dimission be not accepted by a Prēsby till consider'd by a Synod. This was referr'd. Overture.

Mr James Flemming, of Lurgan, in Ardmagh Meeting, did shew that some People in Droheda supplicated that Meeting to send some to Preach to them, the Consideration of which lyes before this Synod. The Supplication was subscrib'd by nine Persons in their own Name and those of their Persuasion in those Bounds; which being maturely consider'd, we appointed the following Supplys:—Mr Flemming to supply Droheda the Remaining Part of this Moneth, Decembr; Mr Biggar, Octobr; Mr Jackson, Novembr; Mr Colvill, Decembr; Mr Abernethy, Janry; Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Febry; Mr Darragh, March; Mr Kennedy, Jur, Aprile; Mr McGrigor, May. The Respective Prēsbys to supply those Brethren's Congregations while they are supplying Droheda. None of those Brethren to omitt their Appointment, except in Case of Sickness, whereof they are seasonably to apprise their Prēsby. This was ratify'd in open Synod. Minutes read and approven, so concluded by Prayer. Droheda Supplys appointed

Extracted ℘ ANDW CRAWFORD, C: G: Syn:

A General Synod at London-Derry, June 1st, 1709.

Mr Wm Holmes, Senr, having open'd this Synod by Preaching on Isay 62, 6, 7, and after Constitution by Prayer *sederunt* the Minrs & ruling Elders of the Genl Synod.

BELFAST.

Messrs Minrs.	Elders.
John McBride	Isaac McCartney
Alexr Sinclair	Geo: Medcaff
Alexr McCrakan	John Smith
Jas Kirkpatrick	Brice Blair
James Cobham	James Beggs
John Riddell	
Patrick Adair	
Thos Gowan	
Charles Seaton	
James Steuart	
James Blair	
And: Crawford	

ANTRIM.

Messrs	Elders.
Fulk White	Matw Templeton
Stafford Pettegrew	Robert Wilson
William Leech	George Thompson
William Ogilvie	
Alexr Brown	John Jameson
John Abernethy	Robert Rainey
Charles Mastertown	Hugh Owens
Willm Livingstone	John Logh
Jas Creighton	John Lapsley

TYRONE.

Messrs	
Thos Kennedy, Senr	Alexr Cuddie
John Thomb	Wm Kennedy
Henry Crooks	Alexr McKewn
Jas Maxwel	John Boyd
Thos Kennedy, Junr	Wm Crawford
John McClave	David Chalmers
John Boyd	John Fisher

ARDMAGH.

Messrs	
Archd McClane	John Grier
John Wilson	John Reid
George Lang	Jas Porter
Sam: Young	
Gilbert Kennedy	
Robert Rainey	James Ballentine
Thos Millikin	
James Johnston	John Todd

MONAGHAN.

Messrs	
Wm Ambrose	Fergus McCulloch
Robert Coltheart	Robt Millar
John McGachy	Davd McGusty
Wm Cornwall	James Kennedy
Robt Darragh	James How
Baptist Boyd	
Humpry Thompson	Hugh Mahaffy
James Tayt	Capt Galbreat
Wm Here	Ensign Greddin
Sam: McGachy	Hugh Caderwood

COLERAINE.

Messrs	
James Steuart	
Mat: Clerk	Robt Huy

Messrs	Elders.
James McGrigor	John Sirrilaw
Thos Sterlin	Matt: Campbell
Robt Haltridge	Arcd Sterlin
John Mairs	Geo: Robinson

L:-DERRY.

Robt Craighead	Alexr Kenned
Robt Campbell	Hen: Hamilton
Thos Harvey	Wm Fulton
Adw Ferguson	Arth: Paterson
John Harvey	Robt Nutt
Davd Wilson	Davd Barber
Thos Winsly	James Ker
Wm Gray	Henry Boyl
John Sterlin	Robt Morison
Hans Steuart	James Stevenson
John Ball	John Caldwell

CONVOY.

Sam: Halliday	Wm Moredhead
Wm Holmes, Senr	Robt Areskin
Saml Henry	
Will: Holmes, Junr	Thos Moor
Seth Drummond	Jas Brown
Thos Craighead	Geo: Atcheson
Rott Drummond	
Charles Lynn	Davd Wallace
Saml Dunlop	

DOWN.

James Bruce	
John Mairs	
Thos Orr	
Saml Shennan	
Wm Biggar	Hugh Henry
Jas Montgomery	John Russel
Jas Reid	Colen Martin
Hen: Livingstone	
Hugh Ramsay	Robt Trymble
Natal Orr	
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According to the Conclusion of last Synod, that Prēsbys be call'd first ℣ *vices* in the Roll, we begin with Belfast Prēsby this Synod.

The Modr, desiring that a new Modr may be chosen, gave the following Leet, viz:—Messrs Alexr McCrackan, Thos Orr, Archd Modr & Clerk chosen.

Macclain, Wm Ambrose, Saml Halliday, Thos Harvey, Andw Ferguson, Fulk White, John Thomb, Matt: Clerk. Mr Thos Orr was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen Modr.

Next, there was a Leet given, viz:—Messrs James Reid, Alexr Brown, Jo: Wilson, James Tayt, John McClave, Matw Clerk, Wm Holmes, Senr, John Sterlin, Andw Craford—that one of these may be chosen to be Clerk to this Synod. Mr Crawford was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen. Because of much Bussiness he was allow'd to have an Assistant, whom himself may chuse. Adjourn'd till 4 *a merid:*

Sess: 2das. *Sess: 2da, Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra.* { Roll call'd after Prayer.

Rules read. The Clerk desir'd that Mr Alexr Brown may be allow'd to assist him, which was granted. The Rules for orderly Procedure in Synodical Bussiness were read, and all were enjoyn'd to observe them.

Absents from last Synod. Then we considered the Absents from last Synod, viz:—Messrs James Maxwell, Char: Lynn, Char: Wallace, Moses Cherrie. The two first were excus'd for their Absence; the two Latter are Absents from this Synod also.

Absents from this excus'd. Absents from this Synod:—Messrs Alexr Hutcheson, Jo: Gaudy, Hen: Hamilton, Wm Smith, Arcd Dixon, John Frieland, Franc: Iredell, John Malcom, Robt Sinclair, John Campbell, Thos Futt, Jas Scott, Nel Gray, Wm Taylor, Archd Boyd, Jon Hutcheson, Char: Wallace, Moses Cherrie, John Lee, Alexr Colvill, Jas Flemming, Wm M'Kay, Jos: Cornwall, Jas Woodside, Saml Dunlop, Hugh Kirkpatrick. All who were by their Letter and Report made by Brethren in their Favour excus'd for their Absence from this Synod; but Mr Neilson, Mr Alexr Flemming, Mr Houston sent no Excuse.

Not excus'd.

Delegats. According to an Appointment of last Synod, that an Overture be propos'd to the said Synod about Delegates in Place of the Genl Synod, should be considered here in the first Place, we, knowing this to be a weighty Matter, & new to us, refer it to the Interloqr to morrow Morning. What was done in the Interloqr & Committees about Fund are annext to these Minutes.

Revising of Synod Books.

Synod Books. Belfast Synod Book to be revised by Mr Thos Harvey, Mr Rot Haltridge, Mr Rot Darragh, Mr Gilbert Kennedy, Mr Thos Kennedy, Mr Holmes, Senr; Monaghan Synod Book to be revis'd by Mrs McBride, Jas Reid, Alexr Sinclair, Andw Ferguson, Jas McGrigor, Sam: Henry; Derry Book to be revis'd by Mr Ambrose, Mr Cobham, Mr Pettegrew, Mr McClain, Mr Wm Cornwall, Mr Maxwell. These Books to be given now to the Revisers who are to perform that Work, that we may have a seasonable Report—the respective Clerks to attend their Books when revis'd.

Questions at Ordination. Touching the Questions to be proposed at Ordinations, Mr Bruce say he wrote something on the Subject, which he says he did shew to the Prēsby of Down, but that Prēsby did not send the Extract thereof

to Belfast and Antrim Prēsbys. Mr James Kirkpatrick also told us that he has drawn up some Questions, but did not communicate them to any Prēsby, because the Minrs who were appointed to do the Work had not the Opportunity to concert together, according to the Synod Appointment. The Persons appointed to this Work (as the Synod, 1707) were:—Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Iredell, Mr Bruce, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick. Mr Bruce and Mr Kirkpatrick, being present, are appointed, together with Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Mr Robt Craighead, Mr Robert Campbell, Mr Seth Drummond, Mr Wm Gray, to meet at Mr Craighead's House at 7 a Clock in the Morning; then examine those Scedules of Questions, and make Report to this Synod.

Down Prēsby ordain'd Mr Archd Dixon at Tannaughnive, Aprile 19th, 1709; licens'd Mr Michael Bruce. Ordain'd, Licens'd, enter'd on first & 2d Tryalls.

Belfast Prēsby ordain'd Mr Charles Seaton at Anahilt, Decembr 9th, 1708, Mr James Blair at Moyra, May 17th, and install'd Mr James Steuart, at Kirkdonnal, May 24, 1709; licens'd Mr Thos Nevin.

Antrim Prēsby ordain'd Mr Wm Livingstone at Temple-Patrick, March 30th, Mr Jas Creighton at Glenarm, May 24, 1709; licens'd Mr Wm Taylor.

Monaghan Prēsby ordain'd Mr Saml McGauchy at Dartry, 7ber 22, 1708, Mr Wm Hare at Longford, 9ber 13th, 1708; licens'd Mr Robt Thompson; enter'd on first Tryalls Mr Patrick Plunket.

Ardmagh enter'd on second Tryalls Mr Jas Moor; on first Tryalls Mr James Frizall, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr John Campbell.

Derry enter'd on 1st Tryalls Mr Major Murray, Mr Joh: Porter.

Convoy enter'd on 2d Tryalls Mr Rot Wilson, Mr Frans Laird; licens'd Mr Davd Ferrys.

Dead since the last Synod—Mr Laghn Campbell, Colleague to Mr Iredell in Capel Street, Octobr 6th, 1708; Mr Thos Jackson, Novembr 2d, 1708; Mr Adam White, Decembr 19th, 1708; Mr Alexr Gordon, Febry 17th, 1708. Dead.

Major Handcock, his Application in Behalf of the Congregation of Athlone, was referr'd to a select Committee, who are to Report; this done, their Overture thereupon. An Affair concerning Derry was propos'd and refer'd till Morning.

Mr Robt Craighead, Junr, as appointed, supply'd Cork with Preaching for 3 Moneths. None appears from Cork. Cork was supply'd.

Report was made that most of the Brethren who were appointed to joyn with the Prēsby of Ardmagh, in Reference to the Congregations of Rathfryland and Ballyroney (the Latter being lately erected) obey'd the Appointment. The Brn then absent are now excus'd for their Reasons given. That Affair is concluded. Rathfryland. Ballyrony.

In reading the last Synod Minutes, wherein Drumbanogher & Glen were appointed to be annext to Donnoghmore Congregation, Complaint was made that Drumbanogher and Glen have not obey'd the Appointment. From Drumbanogher & Glen appear'd Wm Waterson, Commr, supplicating that this may please to reverse the former Act Dumbanogher. Glen.

annexing them to Donnoghmore, for the following Reasons, viz:—their great Dislike to the Congregation of Donnoghmore, and that they had no Choice of the Min^{rs}. There was also a Supplication presented to the Com^{rs}, desiring that they may be allow'd to be a new Erection, which (it's believ'd) may be effectual. The Com^{r} being fully heard, was remov'd. The Synod reasoning *hinc inde*, appointed the following Min^{rs} & ruling Elders to consider this Affair & overture thereupon:—M^{r} McBride, Mr Mairs, Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Abernethy, Mr Ferguson, Mr Winsley, Capt Robt Galbreat, Mr Boyle, M^{r} McCartney. This Committee is to meet immediatly after this Sed^{t} of the Synod. In managing this Affair, the Prēsby of Ardmagh is to give the Committee what Light they can. The Committee for Drumbanogher & Donnoghmore to meet at 7, Interloq^{r} at 9, & Synod at 10 in the Morning.

A Committee.

Sess: 3^{tia}.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Pray^{r}.)

L:-Derry.

An Affair relating to London-Derry Congregation being referr'd till this Morning, Alderman Macky, with many others in that Congregation, Comm^{rs}, supplicated this Synod to take into most serious Consideration the state of that Congregation. In their Petition they hold forth their great Need of a Colleague to their aged Revd Pastor, Mr Robt Craighead, and shew their intire Affection to Mr Robt Craighead, Junr; that they several Times supplicated the Prēsby of Derry to appoint a Min^{r} to moderate in a Call to Mr Robt Craighead to be Colleague to his Father; but their Endavours had not the desir'd Success.

Derry Prēsby refers.

Derry Prēsby brought by Refer into this Synod whether, as that Prēsby was circumstatiate, Mr Craighead, Junr, having been appointed to supply Cork, and there being an old Act, as they say, that no Person be admitted into Places of Importance, such as Dublin, Belfast, Derry, &c:, without consulting the several Prēsby, they report that for Light in this Affair they wrote to the several Min^{rs}, to some of which Latters it was answer'd that there was such an Act, therefore the Matter was referr'd to this Synod. The Minutes of that Prēsby being read relative to that Affair, the Petitioners desir'd Derry Prēsby may produce the Petition given in by Derry Congregation to that Prēsby some Time ago. This being requir'd, the Clerk of that Prēsby told to this Synod that he had forgot that Petition, but he said he hath here the Purport and Substance of said Petition in the Prēsby Minutes, which were now read *Coram.*

Belfast Prēsby refer.

C:-Street.

Belfast Prēsby, under whose Inspection Capel-Street Congregation is, brought by Refer into this Synod an Affair relating to Capel-Street Congregation, who have sent their Call to Mr Robt Craighead, Junr. The Synod allow'd that Call to be read, that Affair coming in orderly before us. Ja^{s} Kennedy, Esqr, and Mr Danl Mills, commissionate by Ald^{rm} Bell and many others of that Congregation, produc'd a Supplication, earnestly intreating that their Unanimous Call to Mr Ro^{t} Craighead, Junr, to be Colleague to their Revd Pastor, Mr Fran: Iredell, may be recommended to Mr Craighead's Consideration. Mr Iredell concurrs

with the said Call, as appears by his Subscription, and also by his Latter to the Synod to that Purpose. The Commrs propos'd, for Encouragement to Mr Craighead, that the Congregation will give him 80£ ℔ An: In Mr Iredell's Latter there is also somewhat which was referr'd to Interlo:

Derry promist for Mr Craighead's Encouragement and what they continue to their present Minr, that is to say, 110£ ℔ Year to Mr Craighead, Senr & Junr, 40£ whereof to Mr Craighead, Junr, whom they now desire to call, and when his Father dies, he shall have the 70£; but if he undertake the whole Charge of the Congregation, he shall have all the 110£, with the other Conveniencys now enjoy'd by his Father. All Partys being heard, and the Matter fully debated, The Partys being remov'd, the Synod, by Plurality of Votes, came to this Resolution:—that the two Congregations of Capel-Street and Derry be allow'd to be mutually equall in bringing their Call to Mr Robt Craighead, and the Synod to recommend both to him, *pari Passu*, & leave him to himself which he will embrace, without being determin'd by any particular Judicatory which of the Calls he will accept; and when he comes to a Resolution, which must be at farthest within six Weeks after the Delivery of the Calls to him, then the Prēsby of Derry and Belfast are to write to him for his Answer to the respective Calls, and whichsoever of the two Calls he embraces, he is to enter on 2d Tryalls before that Prēsby to which the Congregation whose Call he embraces belongs; to effectuate which Resolution the Prēsby of Derry, by the Synod's Advice, appointed Mr Robt Campbel, Mr Andw Ferguson assisting him, to moderate in a Call from Derry Congregation to Mr Robt Craighead, Junr, to be Colleague to his Father, Mr Robt Craighead, present Pastor in Derry; this Call to be drawn and subscrib'd at 7 a Clock this Evening. Partys being call'd, this Minute was read to them.

Derry Quota.

The two Congregations *pari Passu.*

The Committee for Drumbanogher, Glen, & Donnoghmore made the following Report:—Wm Waterson, from Drumbanogher & Glen, & John Todd, from Donnoghmore, having been heard, and an Act of the Genl Synod read, whereby the Committee sees that Drumbanogher & Glen were annext to Donnoghmore—The Commrs were heard, *pro & con*, what they had to say, particularly the Comr from Drumbanogher, what he had to offer for their being disjoyn'd from Donnoghmore and erected in a new Congregation by themselves—& the Prēsby of Ardmagh being likewise askt what Light they can give in this Affair, the Committee saw it fit to remove Ardmagh Prēsby a little till the Commr from Drumbanogher be heard alone. He being heard what he desir'd, was remov'd. The Committee, having considered all that they heard, came to this Resolution, to be overtur'd to this Genl Synod:—that the said Places of Drumbanogher & Glen continue annext to Donnoghmore, as they were order'd by the said Act of the Genl Synod, till they can sufficiently satisfy their own Prēsby that there can be a regular Erection there without rending any other Congregation incapable of maintaining the Ghospel; the Prēsby of Ardmagh be appointed to receive and consider such Application they may make unto them for an Erection, and encourage them as they shall find Cause, provided still that they be not erected till they pay up all Arrears they may be due to the Congregation of Donnoghmore; that Ardmagh Prēsby do not meddle with

Committee's overture about Drumbanogher and Glen.

them, unless they annex to Donnoghmore, after which they are in an orderly Way to apply to that Meeting, who will take due Care of them: which Overture being read again & again, was voted & approven by this Synod. Drumbanogher was admonisht for some unsuitable Expression in their Papers.

Comm: at Ballenderry.

The Committee mett at Ballenderry, July 20th, 1708 (as appointed), about erecting a new Congregation at Coagh. Mr Bapt Boyd, Clerk to that Committee, read their Minutes (Mr John Thomb open'd the Committee by Preaching). By those Minutes it appears that all Partys being heard by the Committee, there did appear sufficient Ground to erect a new Congregation at Coagh. How it is bounded was read in the Committee Minutes. To make those Minutes more distinct, the Bounds of the said new Congregation of Coagh are expressly mention'd afterward. The Committee Minutes being now read, the Synod approv'd their Diligence by Plurality of Votes. Understanding that some now have Grievances on Account of that Erection, there was Liberty granted to such as are les'd by that Erection, to table their Grievance before the Synod to Morrow.

Derry Call read.

At this Sedt we enter'd again on the Affair of Capel-Street & Derry Congregations. It was inquir'd whether Derry Call to Mr Robt Craighead, Junr was drawn, and the Minrs who were appointed to moderate in the said Call perform'd that Work. It appears that Mr Robt Campbell, Mr Andw Ferguson concurring, obey'd that Appointment. These Brn told us that the People of Derry are very unanimous in that Call, and Mr Robt Craighead, Senr, their present Minr (as appears by his Subscription), concurr'd with the said Call. In Pursuance of the Synod's Resolution & Appointment, both Calls of C-Street & Derry were read in this Synod. The Commrs from Derry again propos'd 40£ ℔ Annum to Mr Craighead, Junr, during his Father's Life, and after his Death, 70£, with the other Conveniencys now enjoy'd by his Father; and in Case if he think fit after his Father's Death to take Charge of the whole Congregation, he shall have the full 110£ ℔ Year, with the Conveniencys which his Father now enjoys. Mr Craighead being call'd, both Calls were tender'd to him by the Modr; but, before he receiv'd the said Calls, he, after expressing himself in the most humble Manner, his Sence of the Great Honnour put upon him by the Synod in recommending two such Calls, he earnestly desir'd that, seeing this Synod would not take upon them to determine in that Competition, he might have their Advice. It was reply'd to him that the Interloqr is willing to hear him, so far as consistant with the above Minute; after which he receiv'd the Calls, and promist to consider the same. It was observ'd in Derry Call, it was read, that Derry People should give to Mr Craighead what should satisfy their Prēsby; that being indefinite, it was propos'd to Derry Prēsby to consider that Affair judicially and make Report, who, having met, did shew to us that they agree to the Quota propos'd by Derry Congregation to Mr Craighead, as before exprest.

Both Calls tender'd to Mr Craighead's Consideration.

Colerain.

Colerain—Mr Jno Gaalt, Jno Thomson, Jno Harper, & Andw Hunter, Commrs, did in their Supplication shew that Mr John Scot, Probatr in Down Prēsby, had been invited by that Congregation in an

orderly Way to take the pastoral Charge of them. He, by Reason of Sickness, had no Clearness to accept the Call, therefore he sent it back to them; that now they are without any present Prospect of Settlement with a Ghospel Min^r. They desir'd this Synod's Advice in order to their Replanting, & a Synodical Appointment of Supplys for them. We being willing to know if the Com^rs had any thing in View, sent out Mr Alex^r Sinclair, Mr John Abernethy, with Mr David Wilson, to confer with the Comm^rs. These Ministers returning, made Report that they had some Thoughts of one whom they design'd to call, but are not yet determin'd, but desir'd Supplys as aforesaid. We, considering their destitute Condition, agreed to supply them. If need be, their own Prēsby of Colerain is to supply them three Months. Belfast Prēsby, being first call'd in the Roll this Year, begins, and is to supply Colerain with Preaching the Moneth of July; Antrim, Agust; Tyrone, September; Ardmagh, October; Monaghan, November; Derry, December; Convoy, January; Down, February; Colerain Prēsby to supply the Months of March, Aprile, & May. The Supplyers from the respective Prēsbys, if any of them be young men, are to exchange with Min^rs in Colerain Prēsby the last Sabbath of each Month, which that Prēsby is duely to observe; these Supplyers are to be supported by the Congregation of Colerain during their respective Supplys, this we do in order to their being fixt with a Gospel Min^r: all which was read & well approven by this Synod. The Com^rs desir'd Relief from Students' Money demanded of them, for which they gave Reasons. This was considered. Colerain Prēsby was advis'd to deal Gently with that People, they having met with Disappointments, and been at considerable Charge; all which, after having been agreed to in the Interloq^r, was voted & approven by this Synod.

to be Synodically supply'd by each Prēsby one Month, till June next.

The Affair about Coagh being resum'd, and Liberty having been granted to any who have Grievances on Account of the Erection at Coagh to table them before us, from Ballyclug Congregation appear'd Ja^s Stevenson & Robt Speir, shewing in their Supplication, now read, what Grievances they undergo by Reason of that Erection at Coagh; likewise from Monymore Congregation Mr Ja^s Dyke and Alex^r McCane, shewing that it will be very difficult for that Congregation to support their Min^r if so many of their Members be joyn'd to that new Erection; they also complaining of that Committee mett at Ballenderry, as greatly injuring that People. Another Supplication from the Inhabitants within the circumscrib'd Bounds of the new Erection of Coagh, holding forth many Grievances flowing from that Erection, in which last Supplication are many reflecting Expressions, notwithstanding of which Tyrone Prēsby allow'd said Supplication to come into this Synod. We voted whether remove Tyrone Prēsby, and admonish them for their allowing that Paper to be brought into this Synod? It was carryed, remove that Prēsby. Then we voted that they be call'd in & admonisht. They were call'd in and admonisht, as also exhorted to be more wary, and allow no indecent Papers to be brought by those under their Inspection to come into this Synod. From the new Congregation at Coag appear'd Messrs Wm Steuart, Duncan Johston, Nichlas Sharp, with others. Their Commission was read. They produc'd a Supplication shewing that the Act of the Committee at Ballenderry,

Coagh.

Bellyclug.

Monymore.

Inhabit^ts within the circumcrib'd.

erecting them into a Congregation, may be made effectuall by oblidging the Persons annext to that Congregation to joyn orderly with them.

A Com^e to meet on this Affair.

For concluding this Affair (Partys being remov'd) we appointed a Select Committee of Min^rs & ruling Elders, whose names are as followeth:—M^r McCrackan, Mr Mairs, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Clark, Mr Ferguson, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr John Wilson, Mr Wm Cornwall, Mr Ambrose; Elders—Mr Isaac McCartney, Capt Galbreat, John Logh, Robt Rainey, Mr Boyle, who are to meet & consider all these Papers, and what all can say on the Subject, & make an Overture to this Synod. Partys being call'd, this was read to them, and all were enjoyn'd to attend that Committee. Coagh desiring some Min^rs may be allow'd to them, that they may be assisting to them in framing their Papers, Mr Shennan & Mr Reid were appointed to assist them in what they desir'd. This Committee is to meet here at 7 in the Morning, all Partys, as also the Prēsby of Tyrone, are to attend; they are also to consider Major Handcock's Affair relating to Athlone.

The Interloq^r is to meet at 8, & Synod at 10 in the Morning.

Quo Tempore Sederunt qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Cogh.

The Committee for Coagh met—Bellyclug, Monymore, and these within the circumscrib'd Bounds of the new Erection, also the new Erection at Coagh (the appointed Min^rs having assisted the People of Coagh in framing their Papers). All Partys being heard, & after long Reasoning upon the whole, The Committee made the following Overtures concerning Coagh, Bellyclug, & Monimore:—

Overture 1st.

By a Com: approven by the Synod.

I^st. That the new Erection at Coagh, made by the late Committee at Ballenderry, July 20th, 1708, for that People, stand & continue a distinct Congregation, bounded as follows, viz:—that W^m McMullen & Neighbours in Millinaho, Thos Bell and Neigbours in Tirkvillan, Rich: Rankin & Neigbours in Tirkvillan, John McCreigh in Drumady, Wm Vans & Hugh Fleck in Achavan, Rich^d McGau in Ballynargan, Ja^s Dun & his Neighbours in Inniskillin, Thos McCord & Moses Redman in Edruna, Alex^r Mitchell in Liscasy, James McCord in the Moor, Claud Rolan in Ballynahone, James Johnston & And^w Ferguson in Drummullan, at the little Bridge, James McKee & Wm Hamilton in Ballydally, Ja^s Hogg and John McKee in Ballygurch, Wm Aikin & John Barnet in Ballycogly, & from that to the Logh by Ballyronan, and all these People, and all these within those Bounds, be the new Erection of Coagh, and apply to the Meeting of Tyrone to plant them.

II^d. That the Synod advise the Prēsby of Tyrone to fall on some proper Method for prevailing with the Congregations of Monymore and Ballyclug to make a competent Maintenance for their respective Min^rs, seeing they appear still in a Condition to do so; which Overtures of the Committee being read again & again by this Synod, that a Congregation of Coagh, circumscrib'd by the Persons and Bounds aforesaid, was well approven by this Synod, & Tyrone Prēsby was advis'd to do what is desir'd with Reference to Ballyclug & Monymore Congregations, which two are to give a competent Maintenance to their Ministers.

Moyra.

Moyra Congregation being now planted by Mr Ja^s Blair, Member

of Belfast Meeting, the Assistance promist by Belfast & Monaghan Synod, & recommended by the General Synod, 1707, becomes now due, & is to commence from Alsaints last, which is the Time that Belfast Prēsby & that Congregation commence Payment of Stipend to him, which Assistance of 5£ from Belfast Synod & 5£ from Monaghan Synod yearly, the Commencement of which Summs at Alsaints last was by Vote approven of this Synod, whereof the said two Synods are to be mindfull and punctuall in paying their Money accordingly.

Mr Jas Stewart, late Minr in Macasquy, his Affair was referr'd to the Interloqr.

Delegation. Oppinion of the Prēsbys thereannent.

Touching the Delegation formerly mention'd, the respective Prēsbys being spoken to as to their Sentiments of the said Delegation; Mr Bruce being askt, said it is the Mind of Down Meeting that the Genl Synod continue as formerly, for which he gave some Reasons *Viva voce*. Mr Crawford, for Belfast, said that Prēsby overtur'd, which was now read, that the Affair of the Delegation be cautiously manag'd. Mr Jas Kirkpatrick propos'd that if a Delegation were fram'd, it might give Light. Mr Abernethy shews that their Meeting seems to be for a Delegation, but to make it more practicable, propos'd that a Scheme thereof, with Rules, be consider'd by a Committee, to be appointed by the Synod, & then laid before the Synod. Mr McClane, for Ardmagh, says that Prēsby is generally for a Delegation. Mr Darragh, for Monaghan, says that Prēsby is generally for a Delegation. Mr Kennedy, for Tyrone, says that Prēsby is for it. Mr Haltridge, for Coleraine, says that Prēsby is for it. Mr Thos Harvey, for that Prēsby, is generally for it. Mr Holmes, Senr, for Convoys, says that Prēsby is generally for it. Communing on this, we voted whether we shall appoint a Committee to draw up a Scheme of the said Delegation. Mr McBride dissented from that Vote, appointing a Committee to draw up that Scheme, and desir'd that his Dissent may be enter'd. He also protested in his own Name, and of those who shall adhere to him, & promist to give his Reasons before he go. The Modr, with Mr McCrackan & several others, joyn'd with him in the said Dissent. Then the Committee of the following Minrs—Messrs Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Halliday, Mr Lang, Mr Ferguson, Mr Crooks, Mr McGrigor, were appointed to meet, *primo quoq: Tempore*, about this Scheme. They may adjourn from Time to Time during this present Synod. This Committee's Commission shall be over when the Synod dissolves. Brethren differ'd in their Judgement as to this Delegation, some being absolutely against it, *rebus sic stantibus*, and greatly inexpedient as we're circumstantiate.

Questions at Ordināon.

In Reference to the Questions at Ordination, Mr Bruce & Mr Kirkpatrick made report that they, as appointed, met with the several Minrs in Mr Craighead's House, and these Scedules drawn by Mr Bruce and Mr Kirkpatrick were view'd. The appointed Minrs read that Scheme of Questions. These two Bren were appointed to make up one Scheme of Questions, which were there read. This the Synod appointed them to do before the Synod close; but if they can't overtake it, they are to transmitt the same fram'd to the several Prēsbys before the first Day of Agust next.

The Days of Thanksgiving and Fast were observ'd.

Summer-Hill & Edenderry—the Meeting of Ardmagh, that they, as appointed, supply'd that People punctually with Preaching. Something was propos'd concerning Edenderry, which is to be consider'd in the Interloq^{r}. Adjourn'd till 5 *a meridie.*

Sess: 5ta.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Books revis'd & approven.

The Revisers of Belfast Synod Book made Report that they revis'd that Book & approve it. Monaghan Synod Book was also revis'd & approven. Derry Synod Book, as appointed, is ingrost; was revis'd for the two last Years, and markt in the Book by the Clerk, so much as is revis'd, as also the other Books.

Time & Place of next Syn:

Now we considered Time and Place of next Synod, it having been by Vote concluded at the last Genl Synod that the Synod should be kept in the Bounds of the three Sub-Synods ℣ *Vices.* We have it now in Derry, in the Bounds of Derry Synod. Then the Vote now stated was, whether the next Genl Synod shall be in the Bounds of Belfast or Monaghan Synod? It carryed it shall be within the Bounds of Belfast Synod. Then it was voted Time & Place (Belfast, Antrim or Ballymena, & Down Patrick being nam'd) of the next Synod. It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, that the next Genl Synod shall be at Belfast, on the 3 Wednesday of June next—Sermon to begin at 10 a Clock that Day.

Droheda.

Droheda—Mr Robt Adair, Com^{r} from that Place, supplicated this Synod to lay down suitable Measures how that People may be planted with Gospel Ordinances, & how a Min^{r} may be supported among them. This, with what other Papers he has, to be considered in the Interloq^{r}.

Refer from the Prēsby of Belfast in Relation to the 2 Congregāons.

A Refer from Belfast Prēsby was read in Relation to the old & new Congregation of Belfast. Dr Peacock and Mr Robt Lennox produc'd a Commission from the old Congregation to appear here and answere what the new Congregation hath to demand of them on their being cited to this Place by the Prēsby of Belfast. The new Congregation deliver'd a Latter, subscrib'd by Mr Wm Rainey, &c: This Latter was deliver'd by their Min^{r}, Mr James Kirkpatrick, wherein it's desir'd that this Synod may lay down due Methods for accommodating those two Congregations, or that both Partys may chuse two or three Min^{rs}, who may hear their Affairs, and endavour to heal the Difference; & Mr Kirkpatrick, with Mr Blair, his ruling Elder, will give Light in the Matter. The Com^{rs} from the old Congregation said they had no such Instructions, their Bussiness being only to appear and answer what the new Congregation doth propose. The Synod, considering this Refer, appointed a Committee for Bills, viz:—Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Haltride, Mr Darragh, Mr Ambrose, Mr Bruce, Mr Abernethy, Alder^{mn} Kennedy, Mr Trymble, who may consider how this Affair comes into the Synod & Report. The Committee, having withdrawn and spent some Time upon this Affair, report that it doth not come in orderly. They believe it doth not ly before the Prēsby of Belfast, but was the proper Work of the Synod. The Question then being put—approve the Committee's Report, that the Refer doth not come in orderly into

this Synod or not? It was desir'd that the Committee might allow the Reason of their Judgement in this Matter—it might be repeated here, that the Synod may the better know how to judge in the Affair—and after this the Defences of Belfast Prēsby and Minutes were read; all which being heard, it was voted, approve the Committee's Overture and Report as aforesaid? It was carryed, approve the Committee's Overture.

Dr Peacock & Mr Robt Lennox, Commrs from the old Congregation of Belfast, for summoning them into this Synod, seeing the Synod hath judg'd the Reference upon which the old Congregation was cited doth not come in orderly before them, these Comrs exprest themselves with some Acrimony. All Partys being heard, the Commrs complaining & Prēsby defending, all Partys were remov'd, the Commrs and Prēsby of Belfast. The Synod considering what was said by all Partys, & after reasoning on the same, came to this Resolution:—that in Regard there seems to be Ground for admonishing Belfast Prēsby to be more carefull in observing Rules; also that the Commrs from the old Congregation should take Care not to reflect on any Person, or upon their Prēsby. All being call'd, were accordingly admonisht, & exhorted to mutual Amity. Prēsby & Commrs admonisht.

Several Petitions, viz:—from Mr James Edmonston of Bellybentrom, in the County of Antrim, now in Prison in Derry; from Capt McGrath, Mr McQuistin, Mrs Gilchrist, one from Golan, one from Belturbet, the two last supplicating our Assistance in supporting the Gospel. Mr James Kennedy, of Dublin, spoke in Favour of Belturbett. The Petitions were remitted to the Committee for the Fund to overture thereupon; then we adjourn'd till 8 in the Morning.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr.) Sess: 6ta.

The Committee for Droheda overtur'd thereupon, which see afterward, also what relates to Mrs Fisher and Capt Henderson of Donnogmore.

The Committee for Coagh overtur'd in Reference to Majr Handcock's Affair. The Overture not being right fram'd, it was remitted for Amendment. We agreed that such Brethren as can reach their Congregāons may go off, that their People may have Sermon to Morrow (this being Saturday); yet those Brethren are without Fail to be with us at our Sedt on Monday, at 10 a Clock in the Morning; then we adjourn'd till 4 *a Merid*:

Hora 4ta. After Prayer, Sess: 7tima.

Several having gone, we were few at this sedt, and being Saturday afternoon, the Affair about Mrs Fisher & Donnoghmore came under Consideration. The latter, viz:—Donnoghmore or Capt Henderson would have a Compleat Discharge for all Stipend due by Donnoghmore to their late Minr, Mr Jostua Fisher, notwithstanding of a Demanded 15£, to which we did not agree; but concluded as is afterwards set down in the Interloqr Minutes, both Partys shewing their Desire to have their Bussiness manag'd in an Interloqr.

Sess: 8va.

Hora 10ma, *Die Lune.*

Quo Tempore sedt qui supra, (Roll call'd after Prayr.)

except some Brn who got leave to go home—
Mr Pettegrew, Mr Riddell, wth some others.

Plunket-Street.

From Plunket-Street Session, Dublin, appear'd Mr George Medcalf, supplicating for Supplys to assist their Pastor, Mr Alexr Sinclair. He also supplicated that there be no judicial Determination made in their Affair by Rules, References, orders, Censures, concerning them in their Absence, without previous Notice given to 'em by a Presbytery constitute; that they may know what is said of them, & that they may be heard what they can say for themselves. The former Part of the Supplication was granted; also we appointed a Letter to be written to that Session, informing them what they desire in the latter part of their Petition is according to the known Rules of this Church, and, therefore, need no Rule about it. Mr Mairs is to write this Latter. Mr Sinclair gave also a Petition, which is referr'd to the Interloquitur.

A Synod *pro re nata* on the Affair of Belfast, because the apptd: Committee did not meet.

Finding in last Synod Minutes there was a Committee appointed for farther regulating the two Congregations of Belfast, that Committee, we find, did not so meet as to make a Quorum, therefore could do no Bussiness. The then Modr of the Genl Synod, Mr Holmes of Strabane, being advis'd by the Plurality of Prēsbys to call a Synod *pro re nata,* to meet at Belfast, in Septembr last, the Minutes of which Synod *pro re nata* being read, we inquir'd into the Reasons of those who were absent from said Committee, which Absence was the Occasion of that Synod's Meeting. Mr Darragh being one Absent from that Committee, gave now Reasons for his Absence, for which he was excus'd; also a Latter from Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick, of Ballymony, was read, shewing his Reasons, which were also sustain'd. Among other Things in that Synod *pro re nata,* the Mony promist by Derry Synod to Slego, payable Novembr last, we now appoint to be pay'd forthwith; that Synod ordered also the Affair about Mr Robt Paterson, in Comber, should be discust by Down Meeting, with Correspondts from Belfast & Antrim Prēsbys. Down reports that Bussiness is determin'd. Mr Paterson has got his Testimonials.

Several other ℣ticulars were brought into that Synod.

What relating to the Erection at Coagh was remitted by that Synod; that was concluded by this Synod. Drumbanogher & Glen annext to Donnoghmore was remitted to this Synod; this Synod concluded that. In Those Minutes Mr Wilson, then Clerk, was appointed to read that Synod's Determination respecting the two Congregations of Belfast, the Sabbath following the Synod, in both Meetinghouses. He reports that he did so, & gave a Coppy to both Partys.

Supplys to P-street.

For Supplys to Plunket Street, we appoint Derry Synod to begin the Month of July, Mr Saml Henry to supply for that Month; that Synod having perform'd their monthly Supply, each Prēsby a Month, the other Synods to Succeed.

Supplys to Droheda.

Droheda to be supply'd; each of our Prēsbys to supply a Month, Antrim to begin for July, & so of the Rest of the Prēsbys, as they are now plact in the Synod's Catalogue.

A Testimonial from Mr Mathew Henry, of Chester, in Favour of Mr Gilbert Taylor, Preacher, was here read. We did accept it, & allow'd any Prēsby to imploy the said Mr Taylor to preach in any Part within the Bounds of this Synod.

The Committee, whose Names see Page 156,* for drawing the Scheme for Delegats in Place of our Synod, produc'd that Scheme, which was read; also Mr McBride insisted on his former Dissent, and produc'd his Reasons for protesting against drawing any such Scheme, or do any thing which may tend to alter our Present Constitution; which Protestation was read, subscrib'd by 21 Ministers and 6 Ruling Elders. Scheme for Delegates read.

We adjourn'd till six a Clock on Tuesday Morning. When mett little was done, only the Synod Minutes were read & approven. And considering that some Brethren were absent, they were appointed to supply as follows:—Mr Steuart of Dundonnald and Mr Montgomery of Knock, both of them to supply Dundalk two Sabbaths; Mr Seaton, Mr Woodside to supply Edenderry; Mr John Boyd to supply Belturbett; Mr McClave to supply Carrickmacross. Who don't obey this Appointment, the next Synod will consider it.

We then, having call'd the Roll, concluded the Synod by Prayer.

Interloqr 1st.

We judg'd it expedient that there be a Committee for Bills for preparing Bussiness to come in orderly into this Synod, that both the Matter & seasonable Time for hearing & discussing in Synod may be weigh'd. This Committee so limited, was allow'd by a great Majority of Votes; and what other Committees may be necessary shall be consider'd at the next Synod. Com: for Bills.

Droheda—of which a Little in the Synod. Mr Robt Adair produc'd his Commission, also a Latter from Mr Compton South, earnestly intreating that the Attempts made to erect a Congregation in Droheda may not drop, but due Measures be taken to make effectual what has been undertaken in that Affair, were read; likewise a List of Persons' Names subscribing for 15£ a year to a Minr, and a Letter to Mr Alexr Sinclair to the same Purpose with that from Mr South, was read. It was inquir'd if the Supplys appointed by the Genl Synod *pro re nata*, in Septembr last, to that Congregation were perform'd. We find they were perform'd. The Committee that was appointed to meet and prepare an Overture concerning that Congregation—The Members of that Committee were Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Darragh, Mr Bruce, Mr Gilbt Kennedy, & Mr Biggar—overtur'd, that there be 40£ pay'd out of the Fund yearly to Droheda for Support of the Gospel there (what Dublin gives is to be a Part of the said Sum), & that these who have supply'd Droheda, & shall supply them till they be planted, which we fully intend as soon as may be, shall be paid in the Manner following:—Every Supplyer is to have 15s ℔ Week out of the Fund, every Prēsby certifying Mr Brice Blair, our Treasurer, for their Supplyers, & the Weeks they supply'd Droheda; also, that Droheda Subscriptions to come into the Fund for defraying the supplyers' charge, Droheda. Overtures concerning that Place were approven.

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and that Mr Blair get an Order for the said 15s ℔ Week to the Supplyers, whose Names are to be return'd to him by the several Prēsbys; all which was well approven by this Interloqr; the Commencement of which 40£ is to be when their 15£, for which we have their Names return'd to us, doth commence—that is, when they get a Minr.

We agree, for keeping up this Fund for such a pious Design, that our Collections be annually, as it was last Year.

Capel-Street Commrs seek Advice.

Capel-Street—Mr Kennedy & Mr Mills desire to speak to this Interloqr, which was allow'd. They propos'd that in Regard probably Mr Craighead may ask this Interloqrs Advice with Reference to those two Calls given to him, they beseech that no Advice be given him to the Prejudice of Capel-Street, but that due Regard be had to that eminent and important Place, as also their Minr, Mr Iredell, who is like to sink under such a weighty Charge; therefore, they need speedy Assistance. They likewise desir'd Advice what they shall do if Mr Craighead shall not accept their Call, thô they hope he will not decline their call. It was answer'd to the Commrs that this Interloqr hath a due Regard to Capel-Street & Derry Congregations; to seek Advice, both shall have ready Access.

Moyne-Water supplicates for Aid out of the Fund.

From Moyne-Water a Supplication (allow'd by Derry Synod), earnestly desiring this Synod to consider their deplorable Case, that something may be allow'd out of the publick Fund for Support to a Minr in that Congregation. That Synod's Overture concerning that People of Moyne being read, wherein it, that Congregation, can only advance 15£ in the Year to a Minr, and therefore supplicate that this Synod may please to order 15£ in the Year out of the Fund to them—this the Prēsby of Convoy (under whose Inspection that Congregation is) overtur'd to Derry Synod, which Synod overtur'd the same to this Synod—all which being read & consider'd, we agreed that a select Committee of Minrs, viz:—Mr McBride, Mr Mairs, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Lang, Mr Haltridge, Mr Crooks, Mr Harvey, Mr Henry, with the Modr & Clerk of this Synod, with what Gentlemen Donors can be found in this Place, to meet when the Synod rises, and shall examine Mr Brice Blair's Accompts of his Receipts and Disbursments of the Fund Money, and shall make an Overture. All who have Affairs relating to the Fund are to attend the said Committee.

Overture concerning Mr White, of Braid.

Antrim Prēsby overtur'd with Reference to Mr Fulk White in Braid that he, by Reason of his Age and Craziness, is not able to perform the requisite Dutys to such a Numerous People; desires, therefore, to be some way reliev'd; also, the Synod of Belfast propos'd the Expediency of our having an Hebrew Professor to teach such as design for the holy Ministry, and believe that Mr White is a Person fit for that Office.

Mr Fisher.

Convoy Prēsby brought in by Refer the Arrears due to Mr Josua Fisher, late Minister in Donnogmore. Capt Henderson, for the People of Donnoghmore, and Mr Hugh Fisher, son to the aforesaid Mr Fisher, with all concern'd, are desir'd to attend the said Committee, which was appointed for Droheda Affair, that we may have an Overture thereupon.

Lisburn.

Mr Alexr McCrackan did shew that a Recommendation of the

Gen[l] Synod's Committee to the Gen[l] Assembly, for Assistance to Lisburn Congregation, so lately reduc'd by the late dreadfull Fire in Lisburn—their new Meeting house will cost above 400£—he did shew that he was kindly receiv'd by the Gen[l] Assembly, and was granted a Recommendation from the Gen[l] Assembly to the several Churches in Northbritain, which Order and Recommendation he here produc'd. It was read here, shewing what is so collected is to be transmitted to Persons mention'd in the said Order; notwithstanding of which, he fears it will not answer the End, because there are four Recommendations prior to his. This being duely consider'd, the Interloq[r] judg'd it expedient that these People so circumstantiate may have a Collection in our several Congregations, this to be perform'd against Alsaints next; but afterward it was determin'd that the Affair be considered complexly by the Committee for the Fund.

Interloq[r] II.

Major Handcock's Affair (his Accounts having been examin'd by some appointed at last Synod) of his Disbursements on Account of Athlone and that Bussiness, was referrd to the Committee at Ballenderry; who now overtur'd, seeing the Major has been at considerable Charge about that Meeting house of Athlone, with the Conveniencys thereunto belonging, & is indebted on the said Account—we understand the Accounts are genuine—that there be a Sabbath Day's Collection in the severall Congregations within the Bounds of this Synod; this money to be received by the Clerks of the several Prēsbys; which money is to be collected at or before Novemb[r] next, and paid to the Maj[r] or His Order. Which Overture was approven, & the Observance thereof recommended. Major Handcock.

Understanding that the 5[s] from each Member of this Synod was appointed some Time ago to M[r] Jn[o] Magachy, Min[r] in Inniskillin (he being a considerable Sufferer by the dreadfull Fire in that Place) is not pay'd yet by Many, we by Vote appointed that every Prēsby appoint a Collector, who is to receive the said Money from the Members of that Prēsby who yet owe it, & that Clerk or Collector shall be accountable for what shall be unpaid at the next Gen[l] Synod. M[r] Magachy's 5[s] to be paid.

As to the 10£ payable to M[r] Jn[o] Lee in Breaky—he got by Appointment the 10£ for the last Year out of R:D:—we appoint our Treasurer to pay him the 10£ due for this Year. Understanding that his bodily Craziness is such that he is not able to do the incumbent Dutys to those People so scattered, this Interloq[r] appointed Monaghan Prēsby to assist him by sending one of their Number, who may give him Assistance in Preaching. Pay 10£ : 0 : 0 to M[r] Lee out of R:D:

M[r] Rob[t] Craighead desir'd to be heard in what he offer'd before. The Interloq[r] not being so full, we referr'd that till Monday.

The Committee for Droheda having consider'd the Affair between M[r] Fisher & Donnoghomore, their Overture was read, whereby it appears that the People are willing to pay 22£ 6[s] 3[d] to M[rs] Fisher; that there being £15 : 0 : 0 more demanded, which Cap[t] Henderson says is not due, by Reason of a Contract between M[rs] Fisher & that People, M[r] Fisher. Donnoghmore.

the Capt says he has the £22 6 3^{d} ready to be paid, deducting what Part thereof hath been paid to Mrs Fisher's Order, which is above 5£ : 0 : 0, & if any of the demanded 15£ were due, they would pay it. Mr Fisher says that he knows of no Contract, & if there had been any it had been unfair to insist upon it. Partys being heard & remov'd, the Committee's Overture—viz., that the £22 6^{s} 3^{d} shall be pay'd, & what else by way of Gratuity to Mrs Fisher shall be paid, shall be in Consideration of the aforesaid 15£—being read in this Interloq^{r}, we resolv'd on the three following Particulars:—

1st. That Donnoghmore pay the £22 6^{s} 3^{d} to our Clerk for the Use of Mrs Fisher, Mrs Fisher allowing what of that Summ is paid since the suppos'd Contract.

II^{d}. That we recommend seriously to that People to pay the demanded fifteen Pound.

III. That the £22 6^{s} 3^{d}, being paid, Convoy Prēsby may plant Donnoghmore Congregation so soon as may be, thô the said 15£ be not yet paid. The Clerk (Mr Craford) reported that he receiv'd £17 3^{s} 9^{d}, which, with £5 2^{s} 6^{d} paid to Mrs Fisher's Order, makes £22 6^{s} 3^{d}, & gave a Receipt. He paid said Money to Mr Fisher, & a Receipt.

The Committee for revising Mr Bryce Blair's Accounts of the publick Fund—Mr John Wilson, of Carlingford, was Clerk to this Committee.

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Receiv'd	£307	: 12 : 4½	Collections
	000	: 14 : 0	not paid in Down Prēsby.
	001	: 00 : 2	in Mr Biggar's Hand £12 : 10^{s}: 0^{d}
	309	: 6 : 6½	Mr Gawdy
Pay'd	244	: 6 : 1½	Tannaughnive
			Mr Hen: Livingstone
			Mr Hugh Ramsay £2 : 0 : 0
Remains	065	: 0 : 5	Mr Nat^{t} Orr 1 : 12 : 0

Committee for the Fund.

In Ardmagh Prēsby.	In Antrim.	In Derry.
Mr Cherry	Ahoghle	Mr Gray
Mr Johnston	Mr Brown paid	Mr Robt Campbell
Monaghan Presby.	Tyrone paid	Mr Hans Steuart
Mr Joh: Lee	Mr Arch^{d} Boyd	paid to Mr Henry
Mr Thompson	Colerain.	1:10:0
Mr Coltheart	Mr Neilson	Convoy Presb: paid
Mr Saml McGachy	Mr Haltride	to Mr Thos Craighead 11 10 0,
Mr Saml Dunlop	Mr Mairs	but no Mention by
	Macasquy.	whom it was given
	Clogh, Ballyrashean	as the Donor.
	Bush Mills	

Overtur'd concerning Gallway, Athlone, &c:

Overtur'd. 1st. That Mr Blair send an Exact Account of all Papers relating to the Fund to each Prēsby. 2^{d}. That Deficients be oblidg'd by their several Prēsbys to advance their Collections and transmitt the same. 3^{d}. That the 10£ due to Gallway for the first Year (which was

never yet paid) be paid out of the present Fund. Memdm. Gallway commenct at Agust, 1707, to 20£ ℔ Year, and has now received 30£, June 4th, 1709; remains due at Lammas next, 10£.

Athlone commenct to 10£ May, 1708, & have receiv'd 5£; due to Athlone, 5£ more. We Overture that the said 5£ shall be paid out of the present Fund.

Dundalk is not to commence their Share of the Fund till they give a Call to a Minr. Overtur'd, that Every Prēsby inquire into the Number of Subscriptions, and the Summ which the Subscriptions amount to, & make Report to the Genl Synod next Year.

Whereas, there was an Appointment of the Synod to give Slego, for the Year 1707, what Colerain could advance for that Place, The Committee submitts to this Interloqr what shall be further done in that Matter, Colerain having paid only 3 Pound for that Year.

Overtur'd that this Synod give yearly to the following Congregations:—

Inniskillin, having only the Promise of £25 10s 0d, that the Synod give 10£ yearly. What allow'd to weak Congregaōns.

Moyne-Water, which can advance only 12£, to get 10 ℔ Year.

Bellturbet to be recommended to the Particular Care of Monaghan Prēsby, to ripen that Congregation. Overture that this Synod give Mr Jas Wallace, Preachr, 5£.

Edenderry get 10£ yearly, to commence when they get a Minr; and that Slego, being only able to advance 17£, shall have 10£ yearly. The planted Congregations that are weak & to be supply'd, their Allowance to commence at May last.

That Mr Jas Edmonston, now in Gaol & in great Strait, that Mr Blair borrow 5£ on our Creddit for his Relief, the said Money to be lodg'd with Mr Andw Ferguson till he be free from Gaol, & that each particular Synod bring to next Genl Synod 40Sh: to pay the said Money & the Interest thereof.

That Mr Fulk White get 10£ ℔ Year to encourage him in teaching Hebrew, out of the Fund, if thence to be had.

That David McQuistin get a Sabbath Day's Collection from each Congregation within the Bounds of this Synod, that he may hereby get some Relief from his present Straits. That one Capt McGrath get our Charity.

Interloqr IIId.

The above Overtures of the Committee being read, we, by Vote, agreed to the 10£ to Moyne, beside the 5£ given to Mr Wallace; To Golan 10£, to Edenderry 10£, to Slego 10£. The Commencement (if all these Congregations be planted) to be at May last, as before mention'd.

Mrs Gilchrist is referr'd to the Synod of Derry. Mr Jas Steuart, late of Macasquy—The Prēsbys which are behind (every one of our Prēsbys paying 20 Shillings), as appointed by last Synod, are to pay it soon. The Allowance is continu'd for another Year. Charity.

Our Clerk is to give an Order to Mr Brice Blair to pay to Mr Dunlop, Minr in Athlone, 5£, to Mr Wallace 5£, to Mr Nathanl Orr in Gallway 15£, to Mr Andw Ferguson for Mr Edmonston 5£; all which was done. Also, Davd McQuistin got an Order for a Sabbath Day's Collection, & Capt M'Grath got a Recommendation for Charity.

Interloqr 4.

Some Overtures were propos'd by Monaghan & Down Prēsbys, and others, which could not be discust now; but we referr'd them. The History of this Church, it's carrying on, must be minded.

Mr Joseph Henry, of Dublin, sent an Account, ꝑ Mr Alexr Sinclair in Plunket Street, of £4 : 16s 6, Expences Mr Henry was at in Mr Flemming's Affair in Droheda. We order Mr Blair to pay three fifths of said Account.

Interloqr 5.

Who have not collected their Money for weak Congregations and pious Uses, are to advance it within a Month.

Mr Alexr Sinclair read from Mr Iredell a letter, shewing that there is 50£ due to Counsellor Stephens; three fifths of which Money we agree to pay; what Summ remains is payable by Dublin.

This Interloqr allows the transcript of the Scheme for Delegats, with the Reasons for it; also the Protestation against it, with the Reason of the same Protestation, to be sent to the several Prēsbys.

Advice to Mr Craighead.

Mr Craighead desir'd this Interloqr's Advice in his great Strait about the two Calls given to him, we having declin'd to determine that Competition; yet we gave him this Advice—to depend on God for his Direction and Encouragement. Whichsoever of the two Congregations is frustrate of their Expectation, all due Care will be taken for that Congregation's Supply.

Mr Iredell desir'd, if the Affair of Toleration come in, Agitation that some Brethren be sent up instructed, where by he may have Assistance in that Weighty Affair.

Mr Sinclair's Petition being read, he complains of unfair treatment by the Prēsby of Belfast in the Matter of Alexr Kain, and, because he mention'd an Identity of Elders and Deacons, the contrary whereof he is not yet convinc'd of. This Interloqr advises all Partys to give in their Grievances to next Synod.

Fix: Com: till next Synod.

Touching the Synod's fixt Committee, till next Synod, for Emergents relating to this Church, and because Affairs may require that the Committee may be more numerous than before, we agree that three be appointed out of each of our nine Prēsbys, any fifteen of the Number to make a Quorum, the several Prēsbys being appointed to withdraw and choose their Members; which being done, Down nam'd Mr Orr—Modr—Mr Bruce, Mr Shennan; Belfast, Mr McBride, Mr Malcom, Mr Gowan; Antrim, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Leech, Mr Abernethy; Tyrone, Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Mr Maxwell, Mr Archd Boyd;

Ardmagh, Mr McClane, Mr Lang, Mr Gilbt Kennedy; Monaghan, Mr Ambrose, Mr Darragh, Mr Thomson; Colerain, Mr Clerk, Mr McGrigor, Mr Haltridge; Derry, Mr Thos Harvey, Mr Winsly, Mr John Sterlin; Convoy, Mr Halliday, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Saml Dunlop. The Place of Meeting is Belfast, on Advertisement of Mr Iredell & Mr Sinclair, our Brethren in Dublin. What further relates to this Committee see Synod, 1707.

Mr Jas Kennedy propos'd, that if Mr Craighead be clear to accept C:-Street Call, that the most expeditious Way may be prescrib'd for his passing his 2d Tryalls. We agree, when the Committee meets, that Affair shall be manag'd by said Committee; who also are to advise the Prēsby, to which that Congregation who calls Mr Craighead belongs, & he doth not go to that Congregation, how that Congregation is to be planted.

Mr Trymble, how Mr McMullen, who was uncivilly treated by Mr McGill's letter to the late Synod, shall be redrest. This could not be fallen on now.

Convoy propos'd whether there be just Cause of Offence or Scruple of Conscience to be proclaim'd in the establisht Church in Order to Marraige? We see no just Cause of Offence, and believe in some Cases it may be lawfull to proclaim in the establisht Church. Also, whether, when summon'd to answer their Official Court, the Answer shall be personal or by proctor? We advise that due Methods be taken to prevent a Contempt.

The Minutes of last Synod's Committee—met at Dungennan in Novemr, at Antrim in Decembr & Febry, and Dungennan in March—are brought hither by our Clerk, as he tells us, but Time will not allow them to be read now. The Synod Minutes were read, as see at the End of this Synod Minutes, but not the Interlcqrs Minutes, by Reason of Time so short; but they were afterwards revis'd by Brethren.

The Roll being call'd, we concluded by Prayer.

ANDREW CRAFORD, Clerk Genl Synod.

A General Synod at Belfast, June 21st, 1710.

Mr Thos Orr having open'd this Synod by preaching on 1st Cor:, 1st-21, and after constitution by Prayr, *sederunt* the Minrs and ruling Eldrs of this Synod:— Sess: 1ma

ANTRIM.

Messrs	Elders.
Fulk White	John McElwayne
Jas Scot	James Anderson
Wm Taylor	Joseph Dunn

Messrs	Elders.
Staford Pettegrew	Mr John McGill
Wm Leech	Saml Anderson
Wm Ogilvie	Robt Kerr
Alexr Brown	John Crawford
John Abernethy	Saml Thomson
Char: Mastertown	Jas Brown
Wm Livingston	John Windrom
Jas Creighton	Mr John Mitchell

TYRONE.

Messrs	
Thos Kennedy, Senr	Alexr Cuddie
John Thomb	Wm Kennedy
Henry Crooks	Wm Brown
James Maxwell	Alexr Martin
Thos Kennedy, Junr	John Boyd
Jno McClave	Davd Chalmers
Arcd Boyd	Jas Houston
John Boyd	John Davidson

ARDMAGH.

Messrs	
Archd McClane	Danl Martin
John Hutcheson	Edmd Stones
Alexr Colvill	John Hook
Char: Wallace	Jas Orr
John Wilson	
George Lang	Robt Gordon
Sam: Young	Gilbt Gray
Gilbt Kennedy	Alexr Wilson
Robt Rainey	Wm Carlile
Thos Millikin	Nathanl Dunlop
Wm McKay	Jas Herron
Jas Johnston	Davd Taylor
Jas Moor	Fran: Moor
Jas Flemming	Jas Wood
After, Mr J: Kennedy	

MONAGHAN.

	Elders.
Wm Ambrose	Wm Herron
Jno Lee	Hugh Hutchen
Robt Coltheart	Wm Duncan
John McGachine	Davd McQuistin
Wm Cornwall	Robt Wilson
Baptist Boyd	Fran: Bell
Umphry Thompson	John McCulloch

Messrs	Elders.
Jas Tayt	John McClellan
Josias Cornwall	Alexr Birney
Alexr Flemming	Hector Allan
Saml McGachine	Hugh Pringle

COLERAIN MINRS.

Hugh Kirkpatrick	Gilbt McFedrick
Mattw Clerk	Geo: Woodburn
Jas Stewart	
Jas Woodside	
Jas McGrigor	
Thos Stirlin	Wm Wyly
Robt Haltridge	Jas Ross
John Maior	Robt Cochren
Henry Neil	John Garvah
Alexr Orr	Wm Moor
Wm Boyd	Mr Heylyn

DERRY MINRS.

Robt Campbell	
Andw Ferguson	
John Harvey	Hugh Robison
Davd Wilson	John Hamilton
Thos Winsly	
John Stirlin	Wm Gutry

CONVOY.

Sam: Halliday	
Wm Holmes, Senr	John Johnson
Sam: Henry	
Seth Drummond	
Char: Lynn	
Saml Dunlop	
Robt Wilson	
Jas Wallace	
Fran: Laird	

DOWN.

Jas Bruce	Thos Irwin
Jno Gaudy	Hugh Wallace
Hen: Hamilton	Mattw Scott
John Mairs	Jno Thompson
Thos Orr	Jno McMurray
Saml Shennan	Wm Reid
Wm Biggar	John Steel
Wm Smith	Alexr Bayly
Jas Reid	Hugh Dixon

Ministers.	Elders.
Henry Livingston	Davd Martin
Hugh Ramsay	John McGee
Archd Dixon	Alexr Robb

BELFAST.

John McBride	Dr Peacock
Alexr Sinclair	Joseph Toplis
Jno Malcom	John Wilson
Fran: Iredell	Danl Mills
Alexr McCrackan	Danl Kinly
Andw Crawford	John Smith
Jas Kirkpatrick	Dr Ferguson
Jas Cobham	Arcd Crawford
John Riddel	Jas McClure
Pat: Adair	Robt Craford
Robt Sinclair	Randl Leaths
Thos Gowan	Mr Arth: Maxwell
Char: Seaton	Thos Jamison
Jas Steuart	John McKitrick
Jas Blair	Wm Moor

Modr & Clerk chosen.

Mr Thos Orr, former Modr, desiring that a new Modr may be chosen, gave a Leet; every of whom being heard, & having given their Vote, were remov'd. Mr Wm Taylor was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen to Moderate in this present Synod.

Then a Leet was given, by the Modr, of Brn, that one thereof may be chosen Clerk to this Synod; they being severally heard and given their Vote, were remov'd. Mr Andw Craford was, by Plurality of Votes, chosen Clerk to this Synod.

The Synod of Monaghan read an Overture relating to such as may be chosen Clerks in our Judicatorys. This was referr'd to the Consideration of the Brn when mett in an Interloqr, which is to be seen, as also what was done in the several Interloqrs, annext to those Minutes.

The Interloqr to meet at 4, & Synod at 5.

Sess: 2da.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Rules read.

The Rules for orderly & Expeditious Management of Synodical Bussiness were read, and all the Members were enjoyn'd punctually to observe the same.

The Clerk desir'd that Mr Pettegrew may be allow'd to assist him; which was granted. Having consider'd in the Interloquitur the Expediency of appointing four Committees which may facilitate Bussiness in this Synod (one for Overtures, one for Bills, one for Books, & one for Censures), this Synod, having read this as propos'd by the Interloqr, did approve the same, and accordingly appointed that Every Prēsby return the Names of Members, Minrs & Elders, whom they would

have imploy'd in said Committees. The Members return'd are as follows:—For

Com: for Bills.

COMITTEE OF BILLS.

From ANTRIM	Mr Jas Scott	Minrs
	Mr Wm Leech	
	Mr John Magee	Eldr
TYRONE	Mr Jas Maxwell	Minrs
	Mr Thos Kennedy, Junr	
	Mr John Boyd	Eldr
ARDMAGH ..	Mr McClane	Ministers
	Mr Lang	
	Mr Edmonston	Eldr
MONAGHAN..	Mr Wm Ambrose	Minrs
	Mr Wm Cornwall	
	Mr Robt Wilson	Eldr
COLERAIN ..	Mr M'Grigor	Minrs
	Mr Woodside	
	Mr Gilbt Fredrick	Eldr
DERRY	Mr Robt Campbell	Minrs
	Mr Andw Ferguson....	
CONVOY	Mr Halliday	Minrs
	Mr Drummond	
DOWN	Mr Bruce.....	Minrs
	Mr Orr	
	Mr Thos Irwin	Eldr
BELFAST	Mr McBride	Minrs
	Mr Iredell	
	Dr Peacock	
	Mr Kirkpatrick	

Which Members of the Comm: of Bills were well approven by this Synod.

Overtures.

COMITTEE FOR OVERTURES.

From ANTRIM	Mr White	Minrs
	Mr Abernethy.....	
	Mr Bryson	Eldr
TYRONE	Mr Kennedy, Senr	Minrs
	Mr Thomb	
	Mr Wm Kennedy	Eldr
ARDMAGH ..	Mr Hutcheson.....	
	Mr Colvill	
	Mr Gordon	Eldr
MONAGHAN..	Mr Jno McGachine	
	Mr Jos Cornwal	
	Mr Fran: Bell.....	Eldr
COLERAINE..	Mr H. Kirkpatrick....	
	Mr Robt Haltridge....	
	Mr Hylyn	Eldr

DERRY .....Mr Davd Wilson ..... }
Mr John Stirlin ..... }
Mr Hamilton .....Eldr
CONVOY ....Mr Holmes, Senr .... }
Mr Sam: Henry ..... }
DOWN .....Mr Hen: Hamilton .... }
Mr John Mairs ..... }
Mr Mattw Scott .....Eldr
BELFAST ....Mr Alexr Sinclair .... }
Mr John Malcolm .... }
Arth: Maxwell, Esqr ....Eldr

The Modr and Clerk are to joyn the Com: for Overtures.

Books.

COMMITTEE FOR REVISING SYNOD BOOKS.

BELFAST BOOK.

Mr Crooks, M McClave
Mr Jas Flemming
Mr Gilbt Kennedy, Mr Tayt
Mr Thomson, Mr Jas Steuart
Mr Hen: Neil, Mr Jno Harvey
Mr Winsly, Mr Lynn, Mr S: Dunlop

MONAGHAN BOOK.

Mr Ogilvie, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Maior
Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Robt Wilson
Mr Laird, Mr Smith, Mr Shennan
Mr Cobham, Mr Riddel

DERRY BOOK.

Mr Brown, Mr Masterton
Mr Young, Mr Millikin
Mr Coltheart, Mr Flemming
Mr McGachy, Mr Thos Orr
Mr Thos Stirlin, Mr Gaudy
Mr Ramsay, Mr Gowan
Mr Seaton, Mr Blair
Mr Dixon, Mr Johnston
Mr Moor, Mr McKay

The Books are now to be deliver'd to the said Revisers, and the Clerks of the respective Synods are to attend the revising of their Books, that a seasonable Report, wth the remarks, may be made to this Synod. Every of those Comms for Books are to have Eldrs.

Censures.

COMMITTEE FOR CENSURES.

Mr Wm Livingstone, Mr Creighton, Mr Boyd, Mr Jno Boyd, Mr Biggar, Mr Reid, Mr Adair, Mr Robt Sinclair, Mr Char: Wallace, Mr Rainey, Mr Lee, Mr Jas Wallace, Mr Baptist Boyd.

Whatever Bro: is not joyn'd to any of the other Committees is to sitt in this.

These Committees, in the Members thereof so return'd, were well approven by this Synod.

These Committees are to meet immediatly after this Session of the Synod. The Place where they are to have their first Sederunt is as follows:—The Committee for Bills to meet in the retiring Room belonging to the old Meetinghouse of Belfast; The Committee for Overtures to meet in the retiring Room belonging to the new Meetinghouse of Belfast; The Committee for Books to meet in the old Meeting-

house, the Revisers of each Book taking a Gallery; the Committee for Censures to meet in the new Meetinghouse. The Committees are to meet at 8, & Synod at 10 in the Morning.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.) Sess: 3tia.

The Absents from this Synod:—Messrs John Frieland, Robt Craighead, Senr & Junr, Will: Holmes, Jur. Thos Craighead, Robt Drummond, Wm Houston, Robt Neilson, Jno Campbell, Thos Futt, Wm Here, Saml Dunlop, Robt Darragh, Alexr Hutcheson, Jas Montgomery, Moses Cherrie, Neil Gray, Thos Harvey, John Ball, Hans Steuart, Wm Gray. Excuses were sent for Mr Darragh, and Mr Craighead, Junr; and some were away from last Synod, viz:—Mr Cherry, Mr Neilson, & Mr Houston. This Affair is referr'd to the Committee for Censures, who are to overture to this Synod what is to be done in the Case. Absents.

The late Synod having appointed the Minutes of our respective Judicatorys to be fairly ingrost in Books, the several Synods were askt if their Synodicall Minutes be written fair in Books. It was answer'd in the Affirmative. Rule observ'd.

ORDAIN'D, LICENS'D, ENTER'D ON FIRST & 2D TRYALLS, SINCE LAST SYNOD. Ordain'd, Licens'd, Enter'd on 1st & 2d Tryalls since last Synod.

The Prēsby of Antrim hath enter'd on Tryalls in order to licensing, Mr Wm Dick, Jas Hudd, Saml Getty; and on Tryalls for Ordination, Mr Thos Shaw, Mr Thos Wilson.

The Prēsby of Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Jas Moor at Ballyroney, Agust 25, 1709; licens'd Mr Jas Fraser, John Campbell, Hugh Campbell; enter'd on Tryalls for Ordināon, Mr Robt Gordon.

The Prēsby of Monaghan licens'd Mr Wm Wilson, Robt Thompson; & enter'd Mr Pat: Plunket on first Tryalls.

The Prēsby of Colerain ordain'd Mr Hen: Neil at Ballrashean, July 25, 1709, Mr Alexr Orr at Clogh, Decembr 20, Mr Wm Boyd at Macasquy, Janry 31, 170$\frac{9}{10}$; enter'd Mr Robt Hiaginbothom on Tryalls for Ordination.

The Prēsby of Derry licens'd Mr John Porter, Mr Majr Murray.

The Prēsby of Convoy ordain'd Mr Robt Wilson at Stranorlan, June 25, 1709, Mr Jas Wallace at Moywater, Agust 25, Mr Fan: Lair at Donnoghmore, Septembr 1st; enter'd on Tryalls for Ordination Mr Alexr McCrackan; on first Tryalls Mr Robt Holmes.

The Prēsby of Belfast ordain'd Mr Robt Craighead, Junr, to be Collegue to Mr Iredell, in C-Street, Dublin, Octobr 11; enter'd on second Tryalls Mr Jno Scott.

Report was made that no Minr within the Bounds of this Genl Synod died since last Synod. It doth appear, by the Report now made, that the last Synod's Appointment of Supplys to Colerain hath been obey'd.

This Synod having formerly annext Drumbanogher & Glen to Donnoghmore Congregation, adjacent to Newry, Inquiry was made if that Appointment hath been observ'd. Drumbanogher, Glen, & Donnoghmore.

Ardmagh Prēsby (under whose Appointment Donnoghmore is) report that Drumbanogher & Glen have not obey'd the Appointment. John Todd, Com^r from Donnoghmore, reported, as also did shew in his Supplication, how injurious the non-Complyance is to that Congregation, & that People being disorderly weakens their Hands; therefore supplicated that their Grievances may be redrest, either by continuing the former Appointment, or by ordering some others, in lieu thereof, to be annext to that Congregation. This Supplication being consider'd, and Ardmagh Prēsby being heard, it appears to this Synod that Ardmagh Prēsby have us'd great Diligence in the Affair; yet the People of Drumbanogher and Glen appear obstinate. We remitt this to that Prēsby to put the Synod's Act in Execution. If they be in a Strait they may for Advice repair to the Comittee for Overtures, to meet after this Sederunt of the Synod. We appoint that Prēsby to censure, according to Rules, such of those People who, notwithstanding Pains taken, continue disorderly.

Coagh.

Coagh—Mr Nich: Sharp, &c:, petition'd this Synod with Reference to that new Erection. We having appointed that the Affairs to be considered shall be introduc'd by the Committee of Bills, that Affair is therefore remitted to that Committee.

Questions at Ordināon.

Touching the Questions at Ordination, the late Synod at Derry having appointed Mr Bruce with Mr Ja^s Kirkpatrick to frame one Scheme of Questions out of their two Schems, which they did shew to the Synod's Committee at Derry (which was appointed to consider those two Schems); and that one Scheme when fram'd was to be transmitted to the respective Prēsbys before Agust last,—Mr Bruce & Mr Kirkpatrick were now askt if they fram'd that Scheme and transmitted it according to Appointment. It was answer'd that the Scheme hath not been transmitted. Mr Bruce reported that they will produce it here before this Synod's Dissolution. These Brethren, for their Ommission, are referr'd to the Committee for Censures; and what is to be done, upon the whole as to those Questions, is referr'd to the Committee for Overtures.

Summer-hill to be supply'd.

Summer-Hill Affair, coming in by the Committee of Bills, the Com^rs, Capt Robt Galbreat and Mr Saml Ferns, supplicated that Monaghan Prēsby may be joyn'd with Ardmagh Prēsby for supplying them in Preaching; which being consider'd (the Comm^rs having been remov'd), the Synod voted whether Ardmagh Prēsby shall supply Summer-hill for the Space of eight Months, & Monaghan Prēsby shall supply Summer-hill for the Space of four Months. It was carryed unanimously in the Affirmative. This Session was concluded by Prayer.

Then the Synod appointed the Committees to meet at 4, & Synod at 6.

Sess: 4ta.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer.)

Moyra.

This Synod having formerly appointed Belfast and Monaghan Synods, each of these Synods to give to Moyra Congregation, in the Prēsby of Belfast, 5£ 0 : 0 : ℔ Year, it now inquir'd whether that promist Assistance hath been given to Moyra, which hath been some

time planted. It was answer'd, that some Prēsbys hath not paid their Proportion. It was recommended to such Prēsbys as have not yet paid to applot their Proportion among them at their first Sed^{t}, so that the Money may be speedily advanc'd. The Proportion of the six Prēsbys which constitute Belfast & Monaghan Synods is £1 13^{s} 4^{d}. The farther Consideration of this is referr'd to the Interloq^{r}.

Derry, Colerain, and Convoy Prēsbys were appointed to give Assistance to Slego Congregations. Upon inquiry, it was reported that the Appointment was observ'd. Slego.

The Supplys which were appointed to Plunket Street Congregation were, as Mr Alex^{r} Sinclair reports, perform'd. Mr John Mairs reports that he, as appointed by the late Synod, wrote to Mr Alex^{r} Sinclair in Plunket-Street.

Touching the Supplys to Droheda, that Congregation was supply'd, except by Colerain Prēsby, whose Member, Mr Woodside, supply'd only two Sabbaths. Every Prēsby was to supply a Month. That Prēsby was remitted to the Committee for Censures. Derry did not supply, that Prēsby is remitted to the same Committee. Droheda

The Synod Minutes being ended, the Synod entered on the Affair of Derry coming in by the Committee of Bills. The Com^{rs} from Derry, Eld^{rs} Horace Kennedy & Mr Jno Harvey, appeal'd from the Sentence of Down Prēsby in Reference to Mr Ja^{s} Bruce of Killeleagh; likewise appear'd Mr Wm Hamilton, Capt Stevenson, and M^{r} Ja^{s} McAlpin, Comm^{rs} from Killileagh. The Com^{rs} from Derry product their Commission & Supplication for Transportation of Mr Ja^{s} Bruce, together with a long latter from Mr Robt Craighead, Min^{r} in Derry, which were read; then there was read the Sentence of Down Prēsby relating to the said Transportation, from which Derry appeal'd; and the Appeal, with couched Reasons, was read also. Then the Synod considered what Method to take in managing this Affair. After some Reasoning, it was agreed that (1st) the Call to Mr Bruce be read, with the reasons for the Call, *hinc inde*, should be read, which was done. Down Prēsby prest that also the Reasons of the Session and Congregation of Killeleagh for continuing M^{r} with them, should be read next, which was done, as also Derry Papers, both their Reply to Down Answers, and likewise to the Reasons for Mr Bruce's Continuance in Killeleagh; again the Prēsby's Answers to the Reasons of Derry for Appealing from their Sentence. The Comm^{rs} from Killileagh, Mr Hamilton, &c., product their Commission in beseeching this Synod to confirm the Prēsby's Sentence. Also, Mr Bruce was heard, and the Comm^{rs} from Killileagh, all desiring the same thing; and the Prēsby, being to be remov'd, earnestly desir'd that there might be a Difference made betwixt Papers laid before them and Papers before the Sentence was past, and other Papers given in since, which were new to them. Also, Derry Comm^{rs} were heard, who earnestly desir'd that the Synod would have Respect to the present Circumstances & the weighty Grounds in this Case, as they apprehend, for a Transportation. The Prēsby of Down was also heard. Then all Partys, here concern'd, were remov'd. The Synod, after long reasoning on the Affair, and after serious Prayer to God by Mr Iredell for Light in the Determination of this Matter, the vote was stated after all that

L-Derry. Down Prēsby.

Killileagh. Mr Bruce.

Com^{rs} from Derry & Killileagh.

Concerning Transporting Mr Bruce from Killileagh to L.-Derry.

Sentence not Transport Mr Bruce.

was heard—Transport Mr Jas Bruce from Killeleagh to L-Derry or not? It was carryed, by a Great Plurality, in the negative. We appointed Mr Alexr Sinclair & Mr Fran: Iredell to write to Mr Robt Craighead, who wrote to this Synod on this Affair, and shew to him the Regard we have for him, and the Care we will take of his Congregation of Derry. The Synod, observing many unsuitable Expressions in the Papers given in both by the Appealants & Defendants, agreed that the Prēsby of Derry & Down, for allowing such Papers to come into this Synod, be admonisht by the Modr. All Partys being call'd, the Synod's Determination was read to them. The Commrs of Derry were desir'd to reverence the Providence of God in this Determination, and they may be assur'd that the Synod will take particular Care of that Congregation. The Prēsbys of Down & Derry were admonisht as appointed, & enjoyn'd to be more wary for the future. Concluded the Session by Prayer, having adjourn'd till 10 in the Morning, & the Committees are to meet at 8 in the Morning.

Sess: 5ta.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr).

The letter to Mr Craighead is not yet written. Mr Iredell told us that he can't attend it. Mr Abernethy was appointed to joyn with Mr Sinclair in writing it.

Mr Higginbothom.

The Prēsby of Colerain, ℘ Committee of Bills, proposes whether this Synod judges Mr Robt Higginbothom, Probatr, be qualify'd for taking the pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Colerain, & whether 45£ ℘ Ann: be a Competency to one in that publick Place. Inquiry being made concerning Mr Higginbothom, what his Gifts are, that the Synod may receive Light, several Prēsbys, and also Brethren who are acquaint with him, gave a good Character of him, & believe that he is fitt to undertake the pastoral Charge of the Congregation of Colerain. As to the Quota, we remitt that to Colerain Prēsby to make it as good as they can.

As to Venycash, that being a Matter of Money, we agree that that, with all of the same Nature, be brought into the Interloqr.

Ballywalter.

Ballyhalbert.

In Reference to Ballywalter and Ballyhalbert, it was desir'd that some Minrs may be sent out to confer with Partys for ripening that Affair. Mr McBride reported to the Synod that he was commissionate by Partys to desire that the following Minrs may be allow'd to converse with that People on that Subject, viz.:—Mr Andw Ferguson, Mr Ambrose, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr McClane; which was granted. The Synod added Mr McBride. The Synod propos'd to get Light by those Minrs conversing with both Partys. Mr Jas Tayt, being much indispos'd, obtain'd Leave to go home.

Synod Books to be revis'd.

It was inquir'd if the Committee for Books be ready to make their Report, who gave the following Accounts:—Mr Gilbt Kennedy, &c:, Revisers of Belfast Synod Book, reported that they observ'd some Minutes too short, which makes them obscure; that Synod was order'd to rectify that for the future; that Book was (excepting that above remarkt) approven. Mr Shennan, &c:, who revis'd Monaghan Synod

Book, made Report that they found some Minutes not so distinct; the Amendment thereof was recommended to that Synod; the Book was (excepting that above remarkt) approven. Mr Archd Boyd, &c., who were appointed to revise Derry Synod Book, made Report that the Records of Derry Synod are not here, that they only have a Sheet of Paper wherein Minutes are written; that Synod being askt why they have not a Book, answer'd they have a Book, but the Reason why it is not here proceeds from the Absence of their Clerk, who is not well. It was allow'd that those Minutes in the Sheet of Paper may be consider'd now, but hereafter no Minutes not ingrost in a Book shall be receiv'd into this Synod. The Revisers reported that they found in that Book several *Sphalmas*. We remitt those Minutes to that Synod to correct & ingross against next Synod, at which Time they will be revis'd by this Synod. The Committee for Censures, that the Committee for revising Derry Synod may assist that Committee, which was granted.

We agreed to resolve immediatly into an Interloqr, to meet in the new Meetinghouse, and Synod to meet at 6 a Clock *a Meridie.*

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr.) Sess: 6ta.

Mr McBride, with the other Minrs who were appointed to conferr with the Gentlm of Ballywalter and Ballyhalbert, made Report that they confer'd with the Gentmen, who shew that they are not yet ready to bring this Affair to Tryall. The Affair not having come in before the Committee of Bills, yet they will go on if the Synod will allow. It was allow'd. The Appelts, Mr Jno Craig, Mr Hugh McGill, from the Prēsby of Down; the Defendts, Capt Maxwell, Mr Thos Boyd. The Synod read Mr Craig's Commission & Supplication. Capt Maxwell, &c:—their Commission & Supplication were also read. Mr Craig's Appeal, with the Reasons of the Appeal, were read. There were also Reasons advanct by the Appealants, which did not come in to the Prēsby of Down (from which Mr Craig, in behalf of Ballywalter, did appeal), were read. Then the Defendts' Answers to the Reasons of the Appeal were read. Again a Supplication from Ballyhalbert, for removing the Meeting-house from Ballywalter to a central Place as it was before. Then Ballywalter's Answers to Ballyhalbert's Supplication, & couch'd Reasons. Afterwards Ballyhalbert's Reply to the preceding Reasons were given by Mr Shennan *viva voce*, because the Reasons *in Scriptis* were mislaid; next we read Reasons of Ballyhalbert's Supplication for removing the Meeting-house to a Center, 1709; again, the Reply of Ballywalter to these Reasons above mention'd, the next Day, by the Assistance of Mr Orr, at the Appointmt of the Prēsby; then again Capt Maxwell answer'd those Replys *viva voce*; and, last of all, the Appellts and Defendts had Liberty to propose what they had further to offer: on which the Defendts did prove both the surreptitious taking away of the Meeting house from Ballygin, and also the Condition of Mr Gaudy's Settlement, when it was agreed that within three Years the Meetinghouse should be brought to a centeral Place. Appelts, Defendts, & Prēsby being fully heard, were remov'd. Mr Gaudy desir'd to be heard in Presence of Partys before the Synod came to a

Ballywalter Ballyhalbert.

Down Prēsby.

All Papers read.

Determination, which Desire was granted. The Appel^{ts} Reasons for the Appeal from the Prēsby of Down were given to that Prēsby, who may answer the said Reasons at next Sed^{t}. We adjourn'd till 10 in the Morning. The Interloq^{r} is to meet at 8, & Committee of Bills at 7. This Session was concluded with Pray^{r}.

Sess: 7^{tima}.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Pray'r.)

Derry Petition.

A Supplication from Derry Comm^{rs}, formerly mention'd, was introduc'd by the Committee of Bills. It was read, wherein they earnestly desire that every of our Prēsbys may be appointed to Supply Derry Congregation for three Sabbaths at least, with actual Min^{rs}, who, beside Preaching, may perform some other Ministerial Dutys among them; also that there be a Committee with such Power as may settle that Congregation with a Min^{r}, as they shall proceed orderly according to our known Rules, which Committee is to be impowr'd finally to conclude that Affair; that the Committee meet in or as near Derry as may be, upon due Advertisement from Derry Prēsby: which Supplication being read and consider'd, we granted the Petition, and appointed a Committee, to meet on that emergent in the manner following :—For Supplys, every Prēsby was appointed to withdraw a little Time, & return to this Synod such as they desire may be sent to supply Derry Congregation for the Time propos'd, and those Br^{n} so nam'd may be approven by this Synod; also, that each Prēsby name three Members for the Synod's Committee, who may the fixt Committee till next Synod, which Committee is to meet on this Affair of Derry, as is underwritten.

Supplys to Derry.

Supplys to Derry.—The several Prēsbys return'd the following Brethren :—From Antrim, Mr Alex^{r} Brown; from Tyrone, Mr Ja^{s} Maxwell; from Ardmagh, Mr John Hutcheson; from Monaghan, Mr John McGachine; from Colerain, Mr Matt^{w} Clerk; from Convoy, Mr Saml Henry; from Belfast, Mr Ja^{s} Cobham; from Down, Mr Thos Orr; from Derry, Mr John Ball. The Synod did well approve the said Nomination. Every of these Br^{n} was appointed to supply Derry three Sabbaths, as was desir'd, Antrim to begin on the 2^{d} Sabbath of July, Down to begin on the 2^{d} Sabbath of Agust, Ardmagh to begin on the Second Sabbath of Septemb^{r}, Monaghan to begin on the 2^{d} Sabbath of Octob^{r}, Colerain on the 2^{d} Sabbath of Novemb^{r}, Derry on the 2^{d} Sabbath of Decemb^{r}, Convoy on the 2^{d} Sabbath of Janr^{y}, Tyrone on the Second Sabbath of Feb^{ry}, Belfast on the 2^{d} Sabbath of March.

Fixt Com: appointed to determine y^{t} Affair.

The Synod's Committee, as now return'd by the several Prēsbys, & approven by this Synod, to be the fixt Committee, as follows, also to meet on this Affair—Antrim Prēsby nam'd Mr Abernethy, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Mastertown; Tyrone, Mr Thos Kennedy, Senr, Mr Arch^{d} Boyd, Mr Ja^{s} Maxwell; Ardmagh, Mr Alex^{r} Colvill, Mr Ja^{s} Flemming, Mr Robt Rainey; Monaghan, Mr Ambrose, Mr Darragh, Mr Ump: Thomson; Colerain, Mr Thos Stirlin, Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Henry Neil; Derry, Mr Robt Campbell, Mr Ferguson, Mr John Harvey; Convoy, Mr Holmes, Junr, Mr Halliday, Mr Saml Dunlop; Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Shennan; Belfast, M^{r} McBride, Mr Ja^{s} Kirkpatrick, Mr Gowan. The Place of this Committee's Meeting for Derry Affair was voted to be at

Colerain—the Committee to consist of 29 Min^{rs} as aforesaid and 9 ruling Elders; the Quorum is to be 19, of whom 14 at least are to be Min^{rs}; the Time of their Meeting to be on seasonable Advertisement by the Prēsby of Derry to several Prēsbys to send their several Members; and if any of the Members fall sick, that Prēsby whereof he is a Member shall send one in his Place. Further, if there be an Appeal, the Members of the Prēsby appealing, and the Members from which the Appeal is made, are to be laid aside, and the Rest to be a Quorum to determine this Affair as aforesaid; all which being read, duely consider'd, was voted and unanimously approven. Every Prēsby shall, at their first Sederunt, chuse an Eld^{r}, who is to go to that Committee, and be Member of the same. This was also agreed to.

The Comm^{rs} desir'd an Extract of the Minute. The Clerk was order'd to give it. Ballywalter, desiring the Assistance of Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy in framing their Papers, it was granted. It being Saturday, the Br^{n} who can reach their Congregations are to go home, & return again on Monday against two of the Clock *a Merid:* at farthest, to which Time we adjourn the Synod. The Committees are to meet at 10 a Clock on Monday Morning. This Session was concluded by Pray^{r}.

Die Lunae. Hora 2da.

Quo Tempore sed^{t} qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Pray^{r}.) Sess: 8va.

Down Prēsby made Report that they have prepar'd their Answers to Ballywalter Reasons for their Appeal from the Sentence of Down Prēsby, appointing a new Meeting-house to be built at Ballygin. We consider'd this Affair complexly, having heard Papers on all Sides at a great Length at the sixth Sederunt *Q: V:* The Synod, very willing to bring this Affair to a desirable Issue, agreed to appoint a Select Committee, who may prepare an Overture to this Synod, both as to the Appeal and Merit of the Cause; that Committee is allow'd to call such who may give farther Light in that Affair. The Committee is to consist of eight Min^{rs} and four ruling Eld^{rs}. The Min^{rs} were one Min^{r} from each Prēsby, except Down, viz:—Mr Iredell, Mr Brown, Mr Jno Thomb, Mr Alex^{r} Colvill, Mr Bap^{tst} Boyd, Mr Ferguson, Mr Seth Drummond, Mr Darragh. The ruling Eld^{rs} were:—Arth: Maxwell, Esqr, Mr John McGill, Mr Dominic Heylyn, Mr Danl Kinly. This Committee was appointed to consider the whole Affair, and prepare an Overture to next Sederunt. Their Overture is set down here for the better Connection. The Select Committee, considering the Affair of Ballywalter, overtur'd as follows:— A Select Committee appointed.

1st. That the Sentence of Down Prēsby shall continue till they who are against it shall give to the Prēsby of Down sufficient Ground for erecting two Congregations, to be divided by equal and even Partys of the Parishes of Ballywalter and Ballyhalbert and Gray-Abby, according to their ancient & legal Foundation, and that this Division be made by Persons indifferently chosen by both Partys, to perambulate the Bounds and determine them so soon as may be, with two Correspondents from each of the Prēsbys of Belfast & Antrim; and in Case That Com's Overture.

Approven.

of an Appeal from the said Prēsby, it shall be fully & finally determin'd by the General Synod or particular Synod of Belfast next ensuing after the Appeal is made. When the Stipend is apportion'd, it shall not be done by Acres, but according to the Ability & Station of Persons; which Overture was thrice read. Mr Jas Montgomery of Rosemond, in the Parish of Gray-Abby, desir'd to be heard, & that Mr Jas Kirkpatrick might be allow'd to speak that People of Gray-Abby their Sence of it. The Synod allow'd the Brother to speak as a Member. The Partys being heard, were remov'd. The Synod, having reason'd at great Length on the Overtures read, and having made some Amendments thereof, came to this Vote—agree to what is overtur'd or to a further Amendment? It was carry'd by a great Majority—agree to what is overtur'd. The Partys being call'd, this was read to them.

Coagh complains.

Coagh—That new Erection supplicating by their Commrs, Nichs Sharp and Duncan Johnston, would have their Grievances redrest, that Affair came in ℣ Com: of Bills. The Supplication being read & consider'd, the Synod appointed a select Committee of Minrs & Eldrs, who may meet & prepare an Overture to this Synod. The Prēsby of Tyrone protested against leaving that Affair to a Select Committee to overture to this Synod.

Mr Wm Cunningham, shewing that Monymore hath made Complaints of him, desir'd to be heard in his Defence before the said Committee. The Members of that Committee were nam'd, &, by Vote, well approven:—Mr Iredell, Mr Brown, Mr Haltridge, Mr Colvill, Mr B: Boyd, Mr Seth Drummond, Mr Ferguson, Mr Bruce, Mr Arth: Maxwell, Mr McGill, Mr Heylyn, Mr Kinly, Eldrs, who are to meet and examine Partys, and then overture to the Synod.

Com's Overture.

The said Committee, having sat upon the above Affair, overtur'd to the Synod as follows:—

1. That the Prēsby of Tyrone be enjoyn'd to proceed with Mr David Thomb in his Tryalls; and upon Mr Thomb's accepting the Call from Coagh Congregation, to plant them so soon as possible in an Orderly Way, without unnecessary Delay.

2. That if the People of Coagh do judge themselves unnecessarily delay'd in their Settlement with Mr Thomb, then & in that Case they are to supplicate the Prēsby of Tyrone to call two Correspondents from the Presbytrys of Antrim, Ardmagh, and Monaghan—that is to say, two Correspondts from each of these three Prēsbys, which the three Prēsbys shall be oblidg'd to do upon their Application.

3. That Mr Nicholas Sharp & Mr Duncan Johnston be restor'd unto the Session of Coagh as Members thereof, no sufficient Ground appearing to us of their being laid aside.

4. That neither Monymore nor Ballyclug shall detain any of the Members dissannext from them and joyn'd to the new Congregation of Coagh, or receive Money from them in Prejudice of Coagh Stipend.

5. That all their Debates may fall, and no farther hearing of them in publick Synod, and that they be exhorted to Love & Peace among themselves.

That the People of Coagh pay all due Respect and Deference to the Prēsby of Tyrone, and the Prēsby of Tyrone shall be encourageing to that People. Which Overtures being read again & again in the Audience of the Prēsby of Tyrone, & all Partys concern'd (all being allow'd to speak) were heard, after which all here concern'd in the Affair were remov'd, the Synod, after Reasoning on the said Overtures, made this the State of the Vote—whether this Synod will approve the said Overtures? It was carryed unanimously—approve the said Overtures. Partys being call'd, this was read to them, and all were exhorted to acquiesce in the Determination, & studdy the mutual Peace of each other. 6. Approven.

What relates to Mr Cunningham was done in the Interloqr, thô inserted here. Mr Cunningham.

Mr Cunningham's Complaint being heard & consider'd, viz:—he, being the only Person who was bound for 40£ ℔ An: to Mr Hen: Crooks, Minr in Monymore, he willingly will pay all that is due by himself. He desir'd that his Bond may be return'd to him. Monymore, by their Comrs, did shew that they cannot pay the formerly promist 40£ to their Minr, some of their People being annext to Coagh. Upon the whole it was voted, whether Mr Crooks shall give up Mr Cunningham's Bond to him, and that Monymore shall enter into Bond with Tyrone Prēsby in Behalf of Mr Crooks, present Minr in Monymore, for 40£ ℔ Year, or as near as may be to that Summ, and that the Prēsby of Tyrone endavour to get up the Arrear due by Monymore to Mr Crooks; all which was voted & carryed in the Affirmative by a great Majority. Monymore. Mr Crooks.

The Committees for Bills & Overtures are to meet at 6 a Clock this Evening, the Interloqr at 8 in the Morning, & Synod at 10. The Sedt concluded by Prayer.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayer). Sess: 9na.

The Committee for Overtures overtur'd, when a Subject is propos'd to Debate, every Membr that obtains Leave to speak shall say all that he hath to say upon it at once, till other Brn have had the same Liberty and Priviledge, and this at the same Sedert, unless he be call'd to or allow'd by the Modr—this to be of Force in all our Judicatorys; which Overture was, by Vote, approv'd by this Synod *nem: contradic:*, and who ever shall violate this Rule shall be turn'd to the Door & censur'd. Overture.

The Minute at last Synod concerning the Delegation was read. Considering that probably we will not have Time now to discuss that Affair, and apprehending that there will not be that unanimity desireable in such a weighty Matter, this Synod, therefore, enjoyn'd every Prēsby seriously to consider it before next Synod, in order to its being prepar'd for the Synod's Determination. Also, it was recommended to all Partys, viz:—the Scheme of Delegation & Reasons thereof, the Protest against the Delegations and Reasons thereof, which, the Clerk says, he sent to every Prēsby, and what new Reasons there are *utrinq:* every Prēsby is to send those Reasons to each other, whether they be for or against the Delegation, against Novembr next. Delegation.

Kedy & Ahallow annext to Tyrone Prēsby. Kinnaird to Monaghan.

Tyrone desiring that Mr Wm Ambrose & Mr Bapt Boyd may be joyn'd to that Prēsby, these Brn were heard, also Monaghan Prēsby (of which they are now Members) were also heard, likewise the Genl Synod Minute relating thereunto was read; thereupon, after Reasoning and the Consideration of the aforesaid Minute as to this Affair, by which it appears that Mr Ambrose or Kinnaird, & Mr Boyd or Ahallow, were promist to Tyrone Prēsby, & Keady to Monaghan Prēsby, yet this Synod, considering that Kinnaird lyes nigh to Monaghan, we made this the State of the Vote, whether we shall annex Kedy & Ahalow to Tyrone Prēsby & Kinnaird to Monaghan Prēsby? It was, by a great Plurality—annex Kedy & Ahalow to Tyrone Prēsby, & Kinnaird to Monaghan Prēsby. The Interloqr is to meet at 3, & Synod at 5.

Sess: 10ma.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr.)

Mr Alexr Sinclair propos'd that his Grievances, which he tabl'd at last Synod, may be now heard and redrest. His Supplication, which is the same with that which was given at Derry Synod, was read, wherein he shews that he hath not been so fairly treated by the Prēsby of Belfast; also, a severe Sentence past against him by the Synod of Belfast, Janry, 170$\frac{8}{9}$. He being heard, and also others speaking upon the same Affair, and the Minute of that Synod relative that Affair being read, we saw fit to wave this Bussiness here and consider it in the Interloqr.

The Committees were appointed to sitt this Night; who have Bussiness with those Comittees were appointed to attend. The Interloqr to meet at 7 in the Morning, & Synod at 11.

Sess: 11ma.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr.)

Com: for Censures' Overture.

The Committee for Censures being call'd, who, by their Clerk, Mr Alexr Brown, did read their Minutes, viz:—that Mr Bruce & Mr Kirkpatrick having neglected a Synodical Appointment laid on them to draw one Scheme of Questions out of two Schemes—that is, Mr Bruce's & Mr Kirkpatrick's—in Reference to Ordination, which they did shew to a Committee of the last Genl Synod at Derry; the Committee, therefore, overtures that this Synod remove those Brn, and admonish them for this great Neglect, and that the Appointment be laid on them again; which Overture being consider'd, the Synod agreed to remove them and gravely admonish them, which was done, and the Appointment on those Brn was renew'd. That Committee propos'd, if the Synod agree thereunto, that the Absents from the Synod, and not sending a valid Excuse, shall, for the first Fault, be fin'd in 10s, for the second fault, in 15s, & for the third, in £1 0s 0d, & these who send no Excuse at all, shall be fin'd in 5s; these Summs, as they become due, to be given to the Poor. This being consider'd, we like not the Expression, fineing; we have no such Power—it's only eclesiastick Censures we inflict; we are not for moving any thing of Mony Matters in the Synod, except pure Charity. The Synod considered at present that if any Brother or Brethren be Absent from Synod or Prēsby, & doth not send a sufficient Excuse, shall be admonisht for the First Time, rebukt for the second, and for the third Time shall be suspended for some

Time; but this was referr'd to the several Presbyterys to prepare an Overture concerning this against next Synod. That Committee did not propose further now. The Synod appointed the several Prēsbys to examine their Brethren absent from this Synod, & report their Diligence to next Synod. The Committee for the Fund to meet at 2 a Clock, Synod at 3, Interloqr at 5 this Afternoon.

Quo Tempore sederunt qui Supra. (Roll call'd after Prayr).

The Synod could not meet at 5 as appointed, because of much Bussiness not Synodicall. Sess: 12ma.

Venycash supplicated this Synod's Care, particularly that Monaghan & Belfast Synods may be exhorted to pay what they promist to Venycash for assisting that Congregation to support their Minr, Mr Wm McKay. It was inquir'd if each Prēsby of those two Synods hath pay'd their promist 10s to Venycash; it appear'd that all have not pay'd; it was recommended that those who have not paid forthwith prepare their Money and transmitt it to Mr McKay of Venycash or his Order. It was also, by Vote, carry'd that this Synod give to Venycash, for the Use of Mr McKay, £9 0s 0d for one Year—that is, every of our Prēsbys shall give £1 0s 0d—this to be paid at furthest against next Genl Synod.

TIME & PLACE OF NEXT GENL SYNOD.

Notwithstanding a former Act of the Synod, that the Genl Synod should meet within the Bounds of the three Sub-Synods ℘ *Vices*—now it should meet within the Bounds of Monaghan Synod—yet several Brethren, Members of that Synod, told us that they have not any Place at present which can acommodate the Synod. We, therefore, voted whether Belfast, Antrim, or Derry shall be the Place wherein the Synod shall meet next Year? It was carryed, by Plurality of Votes, that the Synod shall meet at Belfast on the third Tuesday of June—Sermon to begin at 5 a Clock that Afternoon. Roll being call'd, we concluded by Prayer.

Interloqr Ist.

The Overture from Monaghan Synod, which was referr'd to the Interloqr, in Reference to the Clerks of our Judicatorys—We, after Reasoning, came to this Vote, whether every Clerk of our Judicatorys shall, in Presence of our Genl Synod, particular Synod, or Prēsby, when he enters on the Office of Clerk, shall, in the Presence of our Respective Judicatory, promise to be faithfull in all the Parts of his Office of Clerk, to his Knowledge; which was carry'd *nem: Contradic:* Accordingly, Mr Crawford, whom we have chosen to be Clerk to this Synod, hath promist voluntarily, to the best of his Skill and Knowledge, to be faithfull in all the Parts of his Office as Clerk. Overture.

It was injoyn'd all the Brethren to be wary in our Deportment when in the Synod, that no Cause be given to reproach us.

We concluded that there be four Committees—one for Overtures, 4 Comrs.

one for Bills, one for Books, one for Censures—which the Synod may appoint for ripening Bussiness to this Synod. This was accordingly observ'd in this Synod.

Mr Kirkpk suspended

The Prēsby of Coleraine propos'd that Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick of Ballymony, having marryed a Couple in his Congregation without three several Days' Proclaimation at publick Worship, this being a Violation of the Synod's Act, and the Genl Synod having appointed that what ever Bror Transgresseth the Rule in that Case provided— viz:, who marry Persons without Proclaimation three several Days of publick Worship—should be suspended by his Prēsby. Accordingly, that Prēsby, pursuant to that Synod's Act, suspended Mr Hugh Kirkpatrick from the Exercise of his Ministry till this Synod, The Presbytery desir'd that the Susspension may be taken off all. A Petition subscrib'd by many in Ballymony, desir'd the Suspension may be taken off. Mr Kirkpatrick was heard, who told this Interloqr there was such Circumstances in the Case which weigh'd him so to do, and he did apprehend what was done was materially a Proclaimation. Upon the whole, we find the Prēsby hath done according to Rules. Considering the Prēsby's Desire, the Petition of the People of Ballymony, & Mr Kirkpatrick's Report, we unanimously agreed, in this Interloqr, to advise the Prēsby to take off that Suspension forthwith. Ballymony Petition, at the Desire of Colerain Prēsby, was return'd to Mr Kirkpatrick.

Money due to Counsr Stevens.

2d. The last Synod's Interloqr mentions that there was an Account return'd to us by Mr Alexr Sinclair due to Counsellor Stevens, who did negociate some Affairs relating to this Church, it was then agreed that there are three fifths of said Money due by us; whereof no Part has been paid, as Bro: Iredell tells us now. We were also inform'd that there was £4 16s 6d, whereof three fifths is payable by us, and not yet paid. Mr Iredell gave to us now a particular Account, & the Particulars thereof, viz:—£43 0s 0d due to the Affair of Droheda, & another Summ on said Account, of £21 6s 0d, in all 64 : 6 : 0; but of that afterward, when the Committee for the Fund makes Report.

Mr Blair's Accounts.

Mr Brice Blair desiring his Accounts of his Receipts of Fund Money, Collections, & Gifts, with his Disbursments, may be examin'd; upon which, the Synod appointed Mr Thos Orr, Mr Jas Kirkpatrick, Mr Mairs, Mr Davd Wilson, Mr Wm Cornwall, Mr Winsly, Mr Lang, Mr Holmes, Senr, to examine those Accounts. They are to meet in Mr Blair's House at 2 a Clock, and make Report to the Interloqr. It being reported that there was a Regulation, by the Synod's Committee, of our Proportion with Dublin in the publick Charge, the Clerk is appointed to search for that Minute specifying the Regulation, and make Report. Mr Jas Flemming having been at great Labour and Charge in the Affair of Droheda, the Committee who is to revise Mr Blair's Accounts, is to overture to us what may be allow'd to him for his Labour & Charge. Mr Iredell read to us the favourable Grant of *Noli prosequi*, about Mr Flemming in the Affair of Droheda.

Mrs Fisher.

Donnoghmore.

3d. That which relates to Mrs Fisher, Widow of the late Josua Fisher, of Donnoghmore, in the Prēsby of Convoy, was considered. The Minute of the last Synod in Reference to that Affair was read, wherein it was recommended to Donnoghmore Congregation to pay 15£

to Mrs Fisher. Mrs Fisher presented a Supplication, by the Committee of Bills, shewing that she is injur'd in that Donnoghmore was not appointed to pay the 15£. We now considering what was done at last Synod at Derry, & several Brn speaking at some Length on that Subject, the Prēsby of Convoy was askt what they have done for assisting Mrs Fisher in getting said Money recommended; answer'd that they us'd their Interest, but without Success. Mrs Fisher attending, desir'd she may come in and be heard. She was call'd. She came in & told us there is justly due to her, by that Congregation, 15£. She being remov'd, we, reasoning the Matter, judg'd that there is 15£ due to her by that Congregation. We then consider'd what may be the most effectual Way of procuring it to her. It was agreed that this Synod write a Latter to Donnoghmore, to pay the Money to her, which the Prēsby of Convoy is to forward; but, if they cannot prevail with the People to pay it, the Synod of Derry is to manage it. Report is to be made hereof to our next Synod. For defraying the Good Woman's Charges in attending this Affair, we agree to allow her something; which was done to the Summ of four Pounds, every Bror giving 0 : 10; & what Bror hath not paid, he is to give it to his Prēsby, to be for her Use.

Breaky, Mr Lee.

The Affair relating to Mr Jno Lee & Breaky, came into this Interloqr, was here consider'd, wherein we hear the Melancholy Condition our Brother is in in that Place. He being call'd, told us that he hath not receiv'd from that People, *communibus Annis*, 10£ ℔ Ann:, and such is the People's Poverty at present, that they cannot give 10£ ℔ Year. They Supplicate the Synod's Assistance in supporting a Minr, Mr Lee's Infirmity not allowing him to labour in such a scatter'd Country. The Prēsby of Monaghan, to whom that Congregation belongs, they apprehend the People of Breaky is under a Mistake as to Mr Lee's Settlment; upon which we caus'd to be read the Synod's Minute, *Anno* 1702, the Foundation of Mr Lee's Settlement in Breaky, which is as follows:—Mr Lee was to have 40£ ℔ Year by that People, with the Synod's Assistance: thus it was concluded that Congregation was to give to Mr Lee 20£ for the first Year, and we to give 20£ more to compleat the agreed to Quota; the People to give him 25£, & we to give him 15£, for the 2d Year; the People to give him 30£, & we to give him 10£, for the 3d Year, so to continue till the People were able to relieve us of the 10£ ℔ Year. The Commrs from Breaky did signify that People are not in any Way able to perform what is expected. They desir'd that their Bonds for Mr Lee's Maintainance may be given up to them. We could not grant that Desire, so much being due to Mr Lee. For preparing an Overture on this Affair, we appointed a select Committee of Mr McBride, Mr Iredell, Mr Alexr Sinclair, Mr Mairs, Mr Umpy Thomson, Mr Malcom, to meet and make Report to this Interloqr. The said Committee having spent some Time upon it, & weighed Circumstances, overtur'd as follows:—1st. That Mr John Lee's pastoral Relation be loos'd from Breaky by the Prēsby of Monaghan at their first Sedt, his great Craziness rendering him uncapable to undergo the Fatigue of all Ministerial Dutys there. 2d. That a double Portion of R:D: be continu'd to him for his Support during his Life, or till he be settl'd in another Congregation as their Minr. 3d.

Overtures about Mr Lee and Breaky.

That it be recommended to the Prēsby of Monaghan to take Care of the Arrears due to him, to be paid so soon as may be. Which Overture being read & consider'd, was approv'd and enacted by a great Majority of Votes.

Droheda, Mr H. Henry.

Droheda coming in ℣ Committee of Bills, the Minute of last year's Interloqr, to make Way for our Procedure in this Affair, was read; then Mr Robt Elliot, Comr from thence, product his Commission & Supplication to this Synod, which were read. He supplicates therein for our Advice in Reference to Mr Hugh Henry, Probatr in Down Meeting, if we judge him fitt to take the Pastoral Charge of that People. In that Case, that Down Prēsby may be appointed to enter him on 2d Tryalls, & hasten his Settlement in an Orderly Way among them. The Interloqr considering this Supplication, call'd such as have Aquaintance with Mr Henry to give a Character of him; upon which the Prēsby of Down, and other Brn, spake considerably in his Favour, as one fitt for that Place: yet some Brn move that there is another Paper from Droheda, containing a Refer into the Genl Synod, in the Choice of a Person to be fixt amoung them as their Minr, might be read; which being done, the Brn agreed to call in the Comr, who, being askt when the two Supplications were drawn, he answer'd that relating to Mr Henry was subscrib'd last Sabbath—the other Paper was subscrib'd about a Month ago. We find in the Paper about Mr Henry there was but five Subscribers. The Body of the Congregation subscrib'd the Paper referring to the Synod, relating to make choice of a Person. The Comr being askt the Reason why there was but five subscribing the Paper relating to Mr Henry, he answer'd the Reason of it was because the People was not appris'd of it. The Comr also told us that People have got nothing of the 20£ which we, by the Com:, promist to their Meetinghouse; as also he told us that the People seem'd to be well pleas'd with Mr Henry. The further Consideration of this was referr'd to another Sederunt of the Interloqr.

Edenderry.

4. Edenderry, by John Page, &c:, with a Supplication subscrib'd by Many Hands, ℣ Committee of Bills, wherein they supplicate that the 10£ promist to that People last Year, out of the Fund, may be paid; that the Synod's Bounty may be extended in assisting them to maintain a Minr whom they, in an orderly Way, have invited to take the Pastoral Charge over them. The Comrs being remov'd, we read our last Synod's Minute relating to Edenderry, and find there was 10£ ℣ Year promist to them; the Payment to Commence when they get a Minr. We adhere to the said Appointment. When Report is made of Mr Blair's Account of the Fund, we shall know whether we can augment. These People are recommended to the Prēsby of Ardmagh, who may direct them about Mr Anderson, whom the People intend to have fixt among them as their Minr; and the 10£ will be paid, when become due, as above said. As to the desir'd Augmentation, the Comr is desir'd to stay till to morrow, at which Time an Answer will be given. This was told to the Comr, who promist to stay.

The Overture about the Fund is to be made by a Committee who is to examine Mr Blair's Accounts.

Droheda annext to Ardmagh Prēsby.

Droheda Affair being resum'd, we voted whether we shall annex Droheda to a particular Prēsby, or recommend a particular Person to

be fixt among them. It was carry'd, annex that Congregation to particular Prēsby. First, then, we voted to annex Droheda Congregation to Ardmagh Prēsby (under whose inspection that Congregation now is); then we voted, name a Person for Droheda Congregation, or leave it to Ardmagh Prēsby. It was carry'd, leave it to Ardmagh Prēsby.

5. An Overture, from the Committee of Overtures, relating to Minrs' Support in their respective Congregations was read as follows:— An Overture with respect to such of our People who are able but not willing to contribute any Part of their worldly Substance for maintaining their Minrs, who watch for their Souls. Overture about Minrs' Maintenance.

Here it must be suppos'd that it is unquestionably the Duty of such as are taught in the Word, to communicate to them who teach in all good Things—Gal: 6-6; And the Apostle, 1st Cor:, 9-14, tells us that the Lord hath ordain'd that these who preach the Ghospel should live by the Ghospell. This being granted, as it must be, it's, without Doubt, a Great Sin for such as are Professors of the Gospell, and subject themselves to such a Minr, who yet refuse or shift contributing to his Maintenance; this Sin being gross, at which the People of God ars offended, is to be taken Notice of as such. Let us consider how such Persons are to be treated, and here, 1st, we are only concern'd in them that are profest Presbyterians, and subject themselves to our Minry; 2d, Nothing is to be expected of such who are not able, yea, special Notice is to be taken of such who have been usefull in the Place where they liv'd, if they fall into Poverty; 3d, but for such as are able but not willing, the most proper & Christian Way of dealing with such seems to be a treating them as scandalous Persons. We do not think it's a good Way to deal with them, that upon their non-Payment the Minr should refuse to take any Care of them, or do ministerial Dutys —thô many of the best of the People urge this Way. This is not the Way to gain Souls. Let all private Endavours be us'd for bringing them up to their Duty, by Elders and Collectors. When these do not succeed, let their Names be given to the Session as scandalous Persons; let the Session be allow'd to call a neighbouring Minr to keep Session with them once in the Year, yea, once in the Quarter if they see need, that they may be authoritatively and carefully dealt with for bringing them to the Sense of their Sin. If this Way will not prevail, let them be dilated to the Prēsby, as other obstinate Persons. If the Prēsby, after Pains taken on them, prevail not, let them be declar'd none of our Communion. This seems to be the Way that is most suitable to our Circumstances, and most easily Justifyable against the Clamours of ill affected Persons, and in all Appearance it would bring less Trouble to our Prēsbys; for it is hop'd that very few would prove obstinate if prudently dealt with in the forementioned Method. And if some, after all Pains taken, should continue as they were, we shall have Peace that Christ's Rules have been followed with them. It was agreed that the Extract of said Overture be ingrost with the rest of those Minutes, whereof a Coppy is to be sent to every Prēsby, who are to communicate it to their Respective Sessions; and that every Congregation be oblidg'd to make up their Deficiency, or Arrear of Stipend, so soon as may be. 1. 2. 3d.

Mr John Mairs, &c:, who were appointed to revise Mr Blair's Mr Blair's Accounts.

Account, made report they have examin'd the Accompts, & find that of all the Money which he has receiv'd by Subscriptions, Collections & Gifts, there is in Bank only £11 17^{s} 1^{d} for the year 1708, 1709. All were appointed to Hasten and augment their Collections what they can. Bangor Congregation hath paid, for the Year 1708, 5£. There appears due to Gallway at Lammas last, 10£. We appoint the Clerk to give an Order to our Treasurer to pay the said 10£ to Mr Nath: Orr or his Order. There will be due to Mr Orr 20£ more at next Lammas. What relates to weak Congregations wanting Assistance shall be consider'd afterward.

Edenderry.

The Affair of Edenderry being resum'd (having receiv'd an Account of the Fund Money & Collection Money), we agree to add 5£ for this Year. The Com^{r} being call'd, this was told to him. The Payment of that 5£ is to commence with the formerly promist 10£—that is to say, when the Min^{r} receives his Call, this being the ordinary Time when our Stipend commences.

A Com: to revise Mr Blair's Accounts of R:D:

Mr Brice Blair desir'd that his Account of R:D: may be examin'd, that he may get a Discharge for last Lady Day and all Terms before, since his receiving or intermeddling with R:D:, if his Accounts be approven. Likewise, he desir'd to be allow'd for his Trouble in managing the Money he receiv'd of Subscription & Collection on the publick Account. For examineing his Accounts of R:D:—M^{r} McBride, Mr Malcom, Mr Orr, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Crawford; & for Mr Blair's Trouble in managing the Money, paid by Subscription, &c:, for publick pious Uses, we agree to allow him the same Salary that he has for receiving and distributing R:D:—that is, 20 Sh: ℘ Cent., this to be paid for his former Service on this Account, and to continue while he manages the Fund, Collection, or Gifts, for publick Uses relating to this Church.

10£ to Mr Lee of R:D:

There being 10£ due to Mr Lee for last Year, Mr Blair, our Treasurer, is to pay the said Summ to Mr Lee out of the first Dividend of R:D:—an Order to be given accordingly.

Inquiry being made about the Money to be collected in the several Congregations, whether the Money hath been collected, Down Prēsby reported they have collected some of their Money, a Part whereof they gave to Galway. This not being according to the original Agreement—viz:, that the Money collected should be lodg'd with our Treasurer, and apply'd according to the Synod's Order—we therefore, by Vote, concluded that every Prēsby collecting Money shall lodge it with the Treasurer, & dispose of no Part of it without common Consent; and the Clerk of every Prēsby get a Receipt from Mr Blair for that Money the Prēsby pays of Collection—by that Means it will be easy to discount with the Treasurer. Belfast Prēsby Reports that they have paid for 1709-10, 1 : 9 : 0$\frac{3}{4}$, for eight Congregations. These who are behind are desir'd to advance their Money quickly. Down paid none. Tyrone paid none. Ardmagh reports they have collected some, and they are going on with the rest. Monaghan, Colerain have paid none. Derry hath collected but little. Convoy hath collected most of theirs. This Account being dissatisfactory to the Interloq^{r}, we appoint all to have their Money collected against Lammas next. Such Prēsbys who have

weak Congregations are to return their Names [to] the select Committee, with solid Reasons why they return them, that so we may have the Committee's Return thereupon. The Members of that Committee are:— Mr McBride, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Mairs, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Abernethy, Mr Bruce, Mr Malcom, Mr Brown, Mr Bapt Boyd, Mr McKay, Mr Magachine, Mr Haltridge, Mr Ferguson; who are to meet in the Intervalls of the Interloqr. Their Work is to form an Estimate of all Charges, which Prēsbys are to consider with their Sessions, and Sessions are to concert with their People, and the Gentlemen Donors who are here are to be consulted therein. A select Committee for the Fund.

Inniskillin (thô omitted in last Synod's Minutes) was last Year return'd to have 10£ ℔ Year out of the Fund, which 10£ we now order our Treasurer to pay. Inniskillin.

Mr Jas Steuart, of Cushendoll, supplicated that what is behind of the twenty Shillings from each Prēsby, may be paid to him, which Desire was granted. It was also, by Vote, carry'd that 20Sh: from each Prēsby be continu'd to him for the Year 1710, as it hath been appointed for the two preceding Years. We also appointed that every of our nine Prēsbys collect this Money & pay it to the several Clerks, who are to pay it to Mr Steuart's Order. We also appointed that Colerain Prēsby take Regular Steps in planting a Congregation in Cushendoll. 20 sh: to Mr Steuart.

Gallway, ℔ Committee of Bills, supplicated that the Money promist to Mr Nathanl Orr, by the Synod, may be paid, and that the Bounty may be continued till they be in a Condition (which they hope will be soon) to relieve us; and that the Money promist may be paid half Yearly, and the Arrears discharg'd, which is 10£ at Lammas last, as aforesaid. The Petition being consider'd, we voted whether this Money due be first paid, or the Publick Debt. This was referr'd to the Committee, to which Mr Colvill was added. Gallway.

Drumbanogher, ℔ Committee of Bills, supplicated our Assistance for supporting the Gospell there. They now subscribed for £9 12s 6d ℔ An: Mr Saml Henry did shew, at some Length, the Circumstances of that People; also Slego & Moywater, which are to come into Consideration of the above Committee, who is to overture to us, both as to the Way of raising Money, and also to consider the State of weak Congregations. Drumbanogher.

A Letter from Mr Hugh McKenry, ℔ Committee of Bills, supplicating that he may be encourag'd by this Synod to fix in this his Native Country, and exercise his Minry. Brethren being desir'd to speak on this Subject, inform us that he was depos'd in Scotland. It's also reported that the late Mr George Meldrom, in Edinburgh, at the Appointment of the Commission of the Kirk, wrote to a Prēsby nigh Peruth, in the North of England, shewing that it would not be offensive if they in England would imploy Mr McKenry, or to this Purpose. We understanding that the said Mr McKenry doth not bear so fair a Character, & that he hath no Testimonials for what we know—Mr Jas Blair now read a Letter from Mr Boyse, shewing that he had a Latter from Mr Dixon of Whitehaven, holding forth that Mr McKenry was like to create Disturbance in Cumberland—upon the whole, we agreed that Mr McKenry shall produce Sufficient Testimonials from the Mr McKenry.

Church of Scotland; and thô he bring sufficient Testimonials, if he do not carry suitably in the mean Time, he will be lookt upon as disorderly. We also expect he will procure Testimonials from England, shewing his Deportment there; which if he omitt, we will get an Account of him. Some Brethren did shew that he is in very necessitous Circumstances. We agree that every Bro^{r} give to him 0 : 1^{s}: 1^{d}. The several Prēsbys are to collect the same for his Use.

A Letter from Mr Jno: Campbell.

One Mr John Campbell, of the establisht Church at Sego, directing a Letter to the Dissenting Teachers of the Presbyterian Persuasion assembl'd in Belfast. That is the Superscription of the Latter. The Contents of the Letter are:—He desires us to produce a Place in Scripture where there is a Command for a Presbyter without a Superior to ordain a Presbyter, or to exercise Eclesiastick Jurisdiction over a Presbyter, or an Example of either. This Letter being brought to the Committee of Overtures, it was overtur'd by the said Committee as follows:—

The above Letter being read and consider'd by the said Committee, overtur'd to the Interloq^{r} of this Synod, that it's below the Character of the Min^{rs}, as a body, to answer such a Chalange—this being to us by a particular Person only, & not by any Society; and, withal, there has been an Answer given to it of the same Nature formerly, by a Bro^{r} to whom it was directed—and we gratefully acknowledge the Favour of our Queen and subordinate Rulers, in permitting to us the Exercise of our Min^{ry}, according to our Conscience; and that, especially, in the present Circumstances in which the Nations are now, it would be very unseasonable to do any thing which might further inflame the unhappy Divisions amoung Protestants. Do, therefore, overture to the Interloq^{r}, that any particular Bro^{r} may, in his own Name, do what he judges proper for us in this Matter. That the Interloq^{r} or Synod shall take no further Notice of the said Latter. &, particularly, that no Answer be given to the same by them; to which this Interloq^{r} agrees.

David McQuistin.

A Petition from David McQuistin was read, wherein he desires that, in consideration of his Honesty & present Necessity, we may recommend him to North-Britain, that he may get into some imploy by which he may get a Livelyhood. This being consider'd, we agree that Mr John McGachy, his Min^{r}, give to him a Testimonial. As to recommending him to a civil Place, this is not proper for us; yet he may waite upon M^{r} McBride, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Bruce, or M^{r} McKrakan, who will write to their Friends in his Favour.

Mr Alexr Sinclair.

Mr Alex^{r} Sinclair, his Bussiness was resum'd. He told us as to his Opinion, wherein he maintains the Identity of ruling Elders and Deacons, which was that (as he hears) gave offence to Mr Alex^{r} Kain, formerly one of his People, and also to the Synod of Belfast; on which that Synod past a Censure on him. Also, he shews that he sent down Papers, which he conceives were not read in that Synod. This Interloq^{r} proposes, whether any of that Synod remembers that such a Paper—term'd Remarks on the Examinators' Proceedings of the Visitation of P-Street Session & Congregation—was read in that Synod. Members of that Synod declare that they well remember that they heard that Paper read in that Synod. The Interloq^{r} thinking it inexpedient to

fall on this till Belfast Synod be remov'd; upon which Belfast Synod, of which Belfast Prēsby is a Part, & also Mr Sinclair, were remov'd. This Synod's Interloqr considering this Affair, and knowing that Elders are not present to constitute us a Judicatory, overtur'd that Mr Sinclair's Reason for the Identity of Elders & Deacon be transmitted to the several Prēsbys, and the whole Afair be consider'd complexly at next Genl Synod. The Synod of Belfast and Mr Sinclair being call'd in, and this Overture being read in the Synod, was not approven by this Synod; but it was agreed to, that any who pleases may get those Papers of Reasons from Mr Sinclair may do it, & confer with him for his Information.

Overture about Preaching to the Irish.

An Overture to this Synod for promoting the Ghospel through this Kingdom among the Irish Papists. Seeing it's the earnest Desire of all true Protestants that the Ghospel may be propagated in its Purity, and particularly that the Papists may be converted; to the End that such Prayers may be accompany'd with Suitable Endavours among us according to our Power, it's resolv'd by this Synod to imploy some Minrs to preach to the Irish in this Kingdom. We are the rather encourag'd to this because it hath formerly pleas'd God to countenance such charitable Endavours of our Minrs with remarkable Succes, particularly in the Instances of the Revd Mr Gabriel Cornwall & Mr Jeremy Aquin. We have had this Good Design for the Glory of God and the Good of Souls long at Heart, but the Smallness of our Number, and especially of such as understood the Irish Tongue, has in a great Measure obstructed the Execution of it—at least confin'd it much more than we desir'd; but now, by the Good Hand of God upon us, our Number is considerably augmented, chiefly seeing that we have several that understand Irish, we think Providence clearly opens a Door for improving their Talent, in labouring for the Conversion of those poor People, & we ashure our Selves all who have a Regard for the unvaluable Interest of our common Christianity will approve and countenance this Good Work. Therefore it is overtur'd that this is a Noble Enterprize, & now it is expedient to see it on Foot. By Information Mr McClane, Mr McGrigor, Mr Humpry Thompson, Mr Sam: Dunlop, Mr John Wilson, Mr Archd Boyd, Minrs, with Mr Higginbothom, Mr Plunket, Mr John Dunlop, Probationers, have the Irish Language. They may be sent out two at a Time, a Minr & a Probationr; the Minr having a Charge which is to be supply'd during his Absence; the Persons so imploy'd to be supported by the Synod; that they preach in English or Irish, as Occasion serves; that there be Bibles, Confessions of Faith, & Catechisms (all which are now extant in the Irish Language) produc'd; that each two Labour among the Irish for 3 Months, & each Person so imploy'd to be allow'd twenty Sh: ℔ Week; that our Brethren in Dublin be desir'd to concurr with us in this Good Work; that every Minr use his Best Interest for obtaining that which may be a Fund for this good Work; that the Interloqr may please to appoint a Select Committee of Mr Jno McGachy, Mr Kennedy, Junr, Mr Lang, Mr Cherrie, Mr Holmes, Senr; these, with the appointed Minrs Missionarys to constitute this Committee, whose first Meeting is to be at Monaghan—the several Prēsbys to appoint a young Man to supply

the Congregations of these Missionarys when on this Expedition; Mr McClane to call the Committee; the Missionarys to keep a Diary of their proceedings, that we may have Account from Time to Time: all which being consider'd by this Interloqr, we agree to recommend this Good Work to every Prēsby, & those who want those who can speak Irish are to exchange Members with those that can speak Irish; & that every Prēsby endavour to obtain Irish hopefull Youths, who may be educated in our Way, thereby they may be usefull for obtaining this Desireable End.

Whereas, a Collection was recommended by last Synod Interloqr to Majr Handcock, upon the Account of Athlone, but the Poverty [of] our People being such, and great Burthens on them, it was voted that Recommendation should drop.

Mr White.

The Interloqr last Year having appointed 10£ ℔ Year to Mr White, if it could be had, as a Consideration of his teaching Young men Hebrew, the Fund now bein' settl'd as after-mention'd, we agree that Antrim Prēsby give him £2 : 0 : 0, and every of the other Prēsbys give £1 : 0 : 0 as soon as may be.

Synod's fixt Comee.

Touching the Synod fixt Committee for Emergents relating to this Church the respective Prēsbys were appointed to return their Names, as see P: 172,[*] as also sett down here. From Antrim, Mr Abernethy, Mr Pettegrew, Mr Mastertown; Tyrone, Mr Kennedy, Senr, Mr Archd Boyd, Mr Jas Maxwell; Ardmagh, Mr Colvill, Mr Jas Flemming, Mr Rainey; Monaghan, Mr Ambrose, Mr Darragh, Mr Thomson; Coleraine, Mr Tho: Sterlin, Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Henry Neil; Derry, Mr Robt Campbel, Mr Ferguson, Mr John Harvey; Convoy, Mr Haliday, Mr Holmes, Junr, Mr Saml Dunlop; Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Shennan; Belfast, Mr McBride, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Gowan. This Committee to meet at Belfast; to be call'd by Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclair, Mr Craighead, who are to write to Mr Bruce for the Synod of Belfast, Mr John Hutcheson for the Synod of Monaghan, Mr Craighead for the Synod of Derry; & shew the Causes of calling the said Committee, & what further in this Affair is to be observ'd as appointed by the former Synod, Anno 1708, 1709, *q:v:* If any Member of the said Committee fail, the Prēsby whereof he is a Member to send one in his Room; the Clerk of the Synod to be a Member of the said Comittee. Further, whatever Light or Instructions those Members of the Comittee can have from their Prēsbys they shall take it, yet not so as to restrict them, because Something not foreseen by the Prēsbys may fall in when the Comittee meets; and the aforesaid Mr Craighead, Mr Hutcheson, Mr. Bruce, are to shew the Causes of causes receiv'd from Mr Iredell, &c:, for calling the said Committee, to the respective Prēsbys of the three Synods; as also Mr Iredell, &c:, are to write to the said three Minrs in all Matters of our common concern. Mr Iredell to get a Transcript of this Committee to examine the Accompts of R:D: Ten was the Quorum of the former Committee.

Overture concerning Resolves sent by the Minrs of the Prēsby of Dublin.

The Minrs of Dublin having sent down in Octobr last their Resolutions to the Prēsby of Belfast, to be communicated to the Synod, on which they would agree with the Northern Prēsbys in Reference to their joyning with us in Ordination and Installment, the late Synod of

*[Page 198 in printed Minutes.]

Belfast appointed their Clerk to transmitt Coppys of the said Resolves, with those Min^{rs}' letter sent with the said Resolves, to the several Prēsbys, which he says he perform'd. These Resolves, with the Latter, being read in the Committee of Overtures, it's therefore overtur'd that, first, a civil Letter be writt by this Interloq^{r} to the Prēsby of Dublin, or asociated Body. 2. That the Prēsby of Belfast apologise for themselves to those Min^{rs} about not advertiseing them of the intended Ordination of Mr Robt Craighead, & Installment of Mr Laghlen Campbell. The Prēsby affirms that one of their Number was appointed to apprise them of the Intended Ordination of Mr Robt Craighead, as they had done before concerning Mr Campbell's Installment, but probably the Appointment escap'd that Bro$^{r's}$ Memory. In one of these Resolves these Min^{rs} desire to be inform'd of the Time of our ordaining any Person in our Congregations in Dublin. We agree to correspond with them as to the Time most convenient for all. In reading further these Resolves, we find there are Conditions requir'd by them, one of which is that their previous Consent be obtain'd; also that some Part of the Person's Tryalls be perform'd before them. These, with the fourth & fifth Conditions, we order to be a Subject of the Conference betwixt them & such as we shall commissionate to intertain a Conference with them. Also they propose they may bear some Part of the Work, as preaching, &c:, at the Ordination or Instalment. We readily agree that they bear a Part of the Work, provided still that the Action Sermon at the Ordination or Installment be perform'd by one appointed by a Prēsby in the North; the said Min^{r} is also to preside in the Work. Mr Mairs & Mr Kirkpatrick were appointed to write to those Min^{rs} in Dublin, which being approv'd, is to be subscrib'd by our Mod^{r} & Clerk. The Latter was writ, read, approv'd, subscrib'd, to be transmitted ℔ next Post. If that Prēsby please to have a Conference, we agree (yet nothing conclusive shall be done without Confirmation of the Genl Synod) that the several Prēsbys be appointed to name such as their Members whom they desire to imploy in this intended Conference; which being done, Belfast Prēsby return'd Mr Kirkpatrick; Antrim, Mr Abernethy; Down, Mr Mairs; Ardmagh, Mr John Hutcheson; Monaghan, Mr Ambrose; Tyrone, Mr Kennedy, Junr; Derry, Mr Ferguson; Colerain, Mr Haltridge; Convoy, Mr Holmes, Senr. We appointed those Brethren here nam'd to meet with the above Prēsby, or asociated Body, in Dundalk, if that Prēsby agree to a personal Conference, but if they intend only a Conference by Letter, we appoint the Brethren to meet at Antrim, that they may send a joint Answer. That Prēsby is desir'd to return an Answer of the above Letter to Mr Kirkpatrick; all which was approv'd by this Interloq^{r}.

A Select Committee of Mr Bruce, M^{r} McBride, Mr Mairs, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Bap^{tst} Boyd, Mr Brown, Mr Mulligan, Mr Abernethy, Mr Wilson, Mr Lang, M^{r} McGachy, Mr Robt Wilson, Mr Haltridge, Mr Clerk, Members of the several Prēsbys, who are to meet as a Committee, whose Work is, as equally as may be, to recommend to the several Prēsbys the Summs payable by the several Prēsbys for defraying the underwritten Charge; which was now given by that Committee to this Interloq^{r}.

Overtur'd from the select Committee:—

1st. That the several Summs following be paid for the Support of the weak Congregations to which they are annext:

Fund.

		s	d
To Gallway,	£20	0	0
To Dundalk,	£30	0	0
To Athlone,	£10	0	0
To Slego,	£10	0	0
To Moywater,	£15	0	0
To Droheda,	£40	0	0
To Inniskillin,	£15	0	0
To Golan,	£10	0	0
To Edenderry	£15	0	0
	165	0	0
Debt for Droheda,	65	5	0
To Mr H: Henry,	9	0	0
To Mr Flemming,	3	0	0
In all,	242	5	0

Overtur'd, that the public Yearly charge be equally apploted on Prēsbys, & that each Prēsby return their Summ so applotted. The said Committee return'd payable by the Prēsbys, as follows:—

On Belfast Prēsby,	40	0	0
Down Prēsby,	30	0	0
Antrim „	30	0	0
Ardmagh „	32	0	0
Tyrone „	20	0	0
Monaghan „	29	0	0
Derry „	40	0	0
Colerain „	20	0	0
Convoy „	20	0	0

Mr Ferguson & Mr Harvey were appointed to use due Endavours to advance their Proportion.

Overtur'd, that the Money due on Droheda Affair be first paid.

Due for last Year to several Congregations,	95	0	0
To Droheda Affair,	77	5	0
	172	5	0
To Counslr Stephens,	30	0	0
	202	5	0
The Summs following are due undr the above little Debt for Droheda:—			
To Mr Jos: Henry,	43	8	0
To Clerk of Crown,	21	16	2
	65	5	

The order to Mr Iredell was for 73 0 0

This Appointmt is to continue for one Year, to answer the Years 1709, 1710. If there be any other Expence, it's not to be taken out of this Fund; but to be rais'd another Way.

Over:, that the Synod give to Dundalk, for their present Support, 10£, till they get a Minr settl'd; & then their 30£ is to commence.

Overt:, that the 10£ promist to Inniskillin by last Synod, be paid. The Clerk to give an Ordr to Mr Blair, our Treasurer. All which was read, and approven by this Interloqr.

Pamplet.

A Latter from the Revd Alexr Hutcheson was brought into the Committee for Overtures, wherein he shews there is a Pamptlet emitted, intitul'd—a Cofe—betwixt a jurant & a Tester—which he believes may be of bad Consequence, for it's divisive. The Committee, taking that into their Consideration, had the Pamplet read in the hearing of the Committee; upon which they saw Cause to condemn it as a scandalous,

false, & scismatical Pamplet. Having spent some Time in Inquiry who may be the Author of it, there did not appear positive Proof; yet there wanted not considerable Presumptions; therefore propos'd to overture to this Interloqr concerning this Affair, but something falling in in the Interim, & Straitness of Time did not allow our entering upon it. What was done on that Affair is at Length in the Minutes of the Committee for Overtures, thô it's not necessary to be inserted here, seeing it was not discust in the Interloqr. The Letter also mention'd, with Respect to Delegates, but that being inserted in the Synod's Minutes what the Synod hath done therein, & the Committee having referr'd that to the Synod, for that Affair was to come into the Synod in Course.

Some Overtures were propos'd, viz:—Annex frontier Congregations to next adjacent Prēsbys. 2d. Not meddle with Money Matters in Synod, nor give Briefs. 3d. No young man to enter on Tryalls till 6 Years after his philosophic Course. These could not be consider'd now. Overts.

The Minutes of the fixt Committee were not read last Year, neither could we have Time to read them this Year, though the Clerk (as he tells us) has them here.

Mr Alexr Sinclair propos'd that if his Congregation should call a young man to labour with him in the Work of the Minry, and the young man do incline to pass his Tryalls before the Minrs of Dublin, what shall he do in that Case. We agreed that the Answer to the Question be referr'd till we know the Result of the Conference with Dublin Minrs or Prēsby.

Mr Mairs, Mr McBride, Mr. Kirkpatrick, with the Clerk, are to revise all the Minutes during this Synod this Evening.

The Revisers of Mr Blair's Accounts report that they find that Mr Pettegrew paid but 5£, & there was a Report that the Collection in his Parish amounted to nine or ten Pound. The Modr was desir'd to inquire at Mr Pettegrew why that Summ was not paid. Mr Pettegrew answer'd there was considerable Diligence us'd by the Elders in taking Account how much every one would give, but the Affair of the S: Test & Legal Liberty being dropt, which was the Ground on which his People made those voluntary Promises, the S: Test being unrepeal'd and the legal Liberty not obtain'd, they would pay no more; considering also their Collection of five Pound did far surmount some others.

Roll being call'd, we concluded by Prayr.

Finis. ANDW CRAWFORD, Clerk of the Genl Synod.

The Continuation of the Minutes of the Genl Synod is enter'd into another Book.

Anno 1711.

At a General Synod held at Belfast, June 19*th*, 1711.

Sess: prima.
Die Martis.
Post meridiem.

Horâ 5, *post merid;*

Mr William Taylor, Moderator, having open'd this Synod by preaching on Isai: 62: 6, 7, after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this Synod:—

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
TYRE-OWEN PR̄BRY.	
Mr Thomas Kennedy, Senr	John Hannah
Baptist Boyd	William Brown
Henry Crooks	
Thomas Kenedy, Junr	John Boyd
Archbald Boyd	Alexander Thomson
John Boyd	John Fisher
Thomas Milikin	John Simson
ARDMAGH PR.	
Mr John Hutcheson	James Johnston
Archibald Macclane	James McClatchy
John Wilson	Robert Linton
Alexander Colvill	
George Lang	John Hareshaw
Samuel Young	John Templeton
Gilbert Kenedy	John Chalmers
James Fleming	John Paterson
William McKay	
Robert Rainey	James Herron
James Johnston	John Todd
James Moor	Robert McMurray
Robert Gordon	William Scot
Thomas Anderson	
Hugh Henry	
MONAGHAN PR.	
Mr William Ambrose	James Culton
Robert Colthart	James Wilson
John MaGachine	John Gracy
William Cornwall	
Umphry Thompson	Thomas Campbell
James Tayt	
Alexander Fleming	John Strean
Josias Cornwall	Thomas Greg
William Hair	Capt Wilson
Samuel MaGachine	Alexander Bell
Samuel Dunlop	Major Handcock

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
COLERAIN PR.	
Mr James Stuart	
Mathew Clark	Hugh Kenedy
James Woodsyd	
James McGrigor	
Thomas Stirling	Hugh Boyd
Henry Neil	William Brady
William Boyd	John Armour
Alexander Orr	John Holmes
Robert Hickinbotham	
LONDONDERRY PR.	
Mr Thomas Harvey	
Andrew Ferguson	John Glen
John Harvey	John Ramage
Thomas Winsley	
William Gray	David Paterson
John Stirling	Hugh Wilson
John Ball	Robert Finnie
CONVOY PR.	
Mr Samuel Henry	Thomas Adair
William Holmes, Junr	
Thomas Craghead	George Acheson
Samuel Dunlop	William Russell
Francis Laird	
Alexander McCraken	
John Dunlop	
David Ferlie	
DOWNE PR.	
Mr James Bruce	Gawin Paterson
John Gawdy	William McKee
Henry Hamilton	Andrew Lamond
John Mairs	Gilbert Jackson
Thomas Orr	James Bell
Samuel Shennan	James McCutchen
William Biggar	John Wilson
William Smith	John Clark
James Reid	William Stewart
Hugh Ramsey	John Billsland
Nathaniel Orr	
Archibald Dickson	Andrew Todd

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
BELFAST P^R.	
Mr John McBride	Andrew Maxwell
John Malcom	James King
Alexander Sinclar	Abel Orr
Andrew Craford	James Martin
James Kirkpatrick	William Rainey
James Cobham	James Beggs
John Riddell	James Atkin
Patrick Adair	Thomas Brenan
Robert Sinclar	William Brown
Thomas Gowan	Arthur Maxwel, Esq
Charles Seton	John Williamson
James Stewart	David Tayt
James Blair	William McMaighan
Robert Craghead	
ANTRIM P^R.	
Mr John Campbell	John Allen
Fulk Whyte	John Gordon
William Taylor	
Stafford Pettigrew	Thomas Wilson
William Leech	
William Ogilvie	William Murray
Alexander Brown	Hugh Scot
John Abernethy	Robert Rainey
Charles Masterton	William Armstrong
William Liviston	Clotworthy Upton, Esqr
James Crichton	Alexander Ligat
Thomas Shaw	John Wyly
Thomas Wilson	Andrew Porter
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New Moderator chosen.

The former Moderator desiring that a New Moderator may be chosen, gave a Leet of the following Ministers, viz:—Mr Archbald Macclane, Mr Whyte, Mr Ambrose, Mr Crooks, Mr John Stirling, Mr Samuel Henry, M^r McGrigor, Mr Malcome, Mr Hamilton, Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr Colvill, Mr John Abernethy. Every of those Brethren having been heard their reasons why they should be excus'd from the office of Moderator, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd.

Clerk continu'd.

The Roll being call'd, Mr Archbald Macclane was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator. Next Mr Andrew Craford was voted to continue Clerk, with assistants, whom he was allow'd to nominate. He propos'd Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy, which the Synod did well approve.

Comittees for Overtures, Bills, Books.

For Orderly and expeditious management of Synodical Business, it was mov'd that there be three Comittees, one for Overtures, another for

Bills, and a third for revising Synod books, to which motion the Synod agreed, as also that every Prēbytry belonging to this Synod shall return, in writing, to our Clerk at our Sederunt to morrow morning, what Ministers and Ruling Elders they desire to be members of the said Comittees.

Then it was unanimously concluded that this Synod meet to morrow morning, at Eight a clock, for solemn prayer to God for His countenance and direction in the management of such affairs as shall come before us in this Synod.

We adjourn'd till ten a clock to morrow morning. This Session was concluded by prayer.

Die Mercur. horâ decima ante meridiem. After Prayer, Roll being call'd, Sess: 2a.

Sederunt qui Supra.

All the Ministers and Ruling Elders met this morning and spent the appointed time from Eight a clock to Ten in prayer to God.

The respective Presbytrys return'd in writing the names of the Members of the Comittees as follows :—

For Overtures.

TYRE-OWEN....	Mr Thomas Keñedy, Senr....	Ministrs
	Mr Henry Crooks.....	Ministrs
	John Boyd.....	Ruling Elder
ARDMAGH	Mr Colvill	Ministrs
	Mr Fleming	Ministrs
	Mr Wilson.....	Ministrs
	Mr Keñedy	Ministrs
	James Johnston.....	Ruling Elder
MONAGHAN ..	Mr Tayt.....	Ministrs
	Mr John Magachine	Ministrs
	Mr Umphry Thompson.....	Ministrs
	Major Handcock	Ruling Elder
COLERAIN.....	Mr James McGrigor	Ministers
	Mr Alexander Orr.....	Ministers
	Mr William Boyd.....	Ministers
	John Armour.....	Ruling Elder
DERRY	Mr John Harvey	Ministers
	Mr Thomas Winsly	Ministers
	Jon Ramage	Ruling Elder
CONVOY.....	Mr Thomas Craghead	Ministers
	Mr Samuel Dunlop	Ministers
	William Russel.....	Ruling Elder
DOWN.....	Mr Henry Hamilton.....	Ministers
	Mr John Mairs	Ministers
	Mr Thomas Orr.....	Ministers
	Mr William Biggar	Ministers
	Andrew Todd.....	Ruling Elder

BELFAST	Mr John McBride	Ministers
	Mr James Kirkpatrick	
	Mr Thomas Gowan	
	Arthur Maxwel, Esqr	Ruling Elder
ANTRIM	Mr Alexander Brown	Ministers
	Mr Charles Masterton	
	Mr John Abernethy	
	Mr William Livingston	
	Robert Rainey	Ruling Elder

The Moderator and Clerk of the Synod to sit on the Comittee for Overtures.

For Bills.

TYRE-OWEN	Mr Baptist Boyd	Ministers
	Mr Thomas Kenedy	
	Mr Thomas Milikin	
	Francis Bell	Ruling Elder
ARDMAGH	Mr John Hutcheson	Ministers
	Mr Robert Rainey	
	Mr James Johnston	
	Robert Linton	Ruling Elder
MONAGHAN	Mr William Ambrose	Ministers
	Mr Robert Colthart	
	Mr Samuel Dunlop	
	Mr Alexander Fleming	
	Capt Wilson	Ruling Elder
COLERAIN	Mr James Stewart	Ministers
	Mr Henry Neil	
	William Brady	Ruling Elder
DERRY	Mr William Gray	Ministers
	Mr John Stirling	
	David Paterson	Ruling Elder
CONVOY	Mr Samuel Henry	Ministers
	Mr William Holmes, Junr	
	Mr John Dunlop	
	George Acheson	Ruling Elder
DOWN	Mr Bruce	Ministers
	Mr Smith	
	Mr Orr	
	Mr Ramsey	
	William Stewart	Ruling Elder
BELFAST	Mr Malcom	Ministers
	Mr Blair	
	Mr Cobham	
	Mr Robert Sinclar	
	Andrew Maxwell	Ruling Elder
ANTRIM	Mr John Campbell	Ministers
	Mr Fulk Whyte	
	Mr William Taylor	
	Mr Stafford Pettigrew	
	Mr William Ogilvie	
	Clotworthy Upton, Esqr	Ruling Elder

For Books.

TYRE-OWEN	Mr Archibald Boyd	Ministers
	Mr John Boyd	
	William Brown	Ruling Elders
	John Hanna	
ARDMAGH	Mr James Moor	Ministers
	Mr Robert Gordon	
	Mr James Anderson	
	Mr William McKay	
	John Paterson	Ruling Elder
MONAGHAN	Mr Josias Cornwall	Ministers
	Mr Samuel MaGahy	
	Mr William Cornwall	
	Mr William Hair	
	Thomas Campbell	Ruling Elder
COLERAIN	Mr Mathew Clark	Ministers
	Mr Thomas Stirling	
	Mr Robert Higinbotham	
	Hugh Boyd	Ruling Elder
DERRY	Mr Ferguson	Ministers
	Mr John Ball	
	Robert Finnie	Ruling Elder
CONVOY	Mr Francis Laird	Ministers
	Mr Alexander McCracken	
	Mr David Ferly	
DOWN	Mr John Gawdy	Ministers
	Mr Samuel Shenan	
	Mr James Reid	
	Mr Archibald Dickson	
	John Wilson	Ruling Elder
BELFAST	Mr Charles Seton	Ministers
	Mr John Riddell	
	Mr James Stewart	
	Mr Patrick Adair	
	Mr Robert Craghead	
	John Williamson	Ruling Elders
	William McMaighan	
ANTRIM	Mr William Leech	Ministers
	Mr James Crichton	
	Mr Thomas Shaw	
	Mr Thomas Wilson	
	Hugh Scot	Ruling Elders
	John Wyly	

The places where these respective Comittees are to meet :— Places where the Comittees are to meet.

The Comittee for Overtures to meet in the retiring room belonging to the New Meeting House of Belfast.

The Comittee for Bills to meet in the retiring room belonging to the Old Meeting House.

The Comittee for Revising Synod Books to meet in the New

Meeting House. The Clerks of the respective Synods to attend their books when revis'd. The Books are to be deliver'd to the said Comittee.

Rules read.

The Rules for Orderly Management of Synodical Business were read, and all the Members enjoyn'd to observe the same.

Absents from last Synod excus'd.

Absents from last Synod—Masters John Frieland, Robert Craghead, Senr, Robert Craghead, Junr, William Holmes, Junr, Thomas Craghead, John Campbell, William Hair, Alexander Hutcheson, Samuel Dunlop, Neil Gray, Thomas Harvey, John Ball, William Gray—were now excus'd.

Absent from last Synod and also this.

Mr William Howston, Mr Robert Drumond, Mr Moses Cherrie, Mr Hans Stewart, Mr Robert Neilson, are now also absent.

Absent from this Synod excus'd.

Absent from this Synod and excus'd:—Masters Charles Wallace, Moses Cherrie, John Thomb, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Robert Neilson, Robert Haltridg, John Lee, John Maior, Robert Leckey, Robert Craghead, Senr, Neil Gray, Robert Campbell, David Wilson, Hans Stewart, Samuel Hallyday, William Holmes, Senr, Seth Drumond, Ja: Wallace, Alexander Hutcheson, Henry Livingston, Robert Wilson, John Frieland, Francis Iredell, Alexander McCracken, Thomas Futt, John McClave.

Not excus'd.

Absent from this Synod not excus'd:—Mr James Maxwel, William Howston, Robert Drummond, Charles Lyn.

The Clerks to return the names of Ordain'd, &c.

The Clerks of the several Presbytrys were appointed to return in writing to the next Sederunt of this Synod the names of those Ministers who are dead or ordain'd since the last Synod, with the time of their death or ordination; as also the names of such as are Licens'd to preach, entred on Tryalls, or to be entred on Tryalls before next Synod.

Questions at Ordination.

Mr James Bruce and Mr James Kirkpatrick were askt if they have prepar'd the Scheme of Questions to be propos'd to Ministers at their Ordination to the office of the Holy Ministry. This affair is referr'd till next Sederunt.

Whereas, the Interloquitur of the Synod of Belfast having read a paper without a date, said to be a Testimonial of Licence giv'n to one Mr John McGee, subscrib'd by some Ministers in South Britain, referr'd the said M^r McGee to the Presbytry of Down, injoyning the said Presbytry to take account of him, and report their judgment to this Synod; the Presbytry of Down now made report that M^r McGee has sufficient Testimonials, which being produc'd to this Synod, were judg'd sufficient, and any Presbytry within our bounds allow'd to imploy him in an orderly way.

Any Presbytry may imploy Mr John McGee.

Derry supply'd.

All the Ministers appointed to supply Derry Congregation obey'd the appointment, except Mr John Hutcheson, who is excus'd. The Comittee appointed to meet on the affair of Derry not being call'd, met not.

The Books of the particular Synods were deliver'd to the Comittee for Books.

Coah.

The Presbytry of Tyrone made report that they are proceeding in the settlement of Coah, according to appointment of the last Synod.

Complaint being made that the Presbytry of Monaghan did not receive the Minut's of last Synod, Enquiry was made why these Minut's were not receiv'd by that Presbytry. It appears that the Clerk of the

Synod transmitted them to Mr Robert Darrah, who detain'd them in his hands. Mr Darroh being askt the reason of this, told the Synod that he hath reasons to offer to the Synod why he detain'd those Minut's; but in regard that matter hath a dependence on another affair relating to Mr Darrogh, which will come afterwards to be try'd, it's now delay'd.

The Synod appoints the Comittees to meet at three, and Synod at five a clock *a merid:*

This Session of the Synod was concluded by prayer.

Die Mercury horâ quinta a merid: Roll called after prayer. Sess: 3a.

Sederunt qui Supra.

The Presbytry of Ardmagh report they ordain'd Mr Robert Gordon, Mr Thomas Anderson, and Mr Hugh Henry, all on March 27th; and have entred Mr John Thompson on his first Tryalls. Ordain'd.

The Presbytry of Colerain report they ordain'd Mr Robert Leckey on March 13th, and Mr. Robert Hickenbotham on December 26th.

The Presbytry of Convoy ordain'd Mr Alexander McCracken July 26th, Mr. John Dunlop September 15th, Mr David Ferlie March 21; Licens'd Mr Robert Holmes. Licens'd.

Belfast Presbytry ordain'd Mr Robert Wirlin, March 8th, to the Company of the Ship called the *Revival*, of London *(alias Caledonia)*; have entred Mr Michael Bruce on second Tryalls; to enter Mr Nehemiah Donnaldson on first Tryalls. Entred on Tryalls

Antrim Presbytry ordain'd Mr Thomas Shaw Dcember 20th, Mr Thomas Wilson February 27th; and Licens'd Mr William Dick, Mr Samuel Getty, Mr James Hud; have entred on first Tryals Mr John McDowel; to enter on first Tryalls Mr John Shaw. To enter on Tryalls.

Derry Presbytry have entred Mr James Hillhouse and Mr James Cochren on first Tryalls.

Down have entred Mr Thomas Nivin on Second Tryalls.

Mr Alexander Reid produc'd his Testimonials of Licence from the Presbytry of Hadinton, in North Britain, which this Synod did well approve. Any Presbytry within the bounds of this Synod is allow'd to imploy him in an orderly way.

The Presbytry of Down report that Mr James MontGomery, one of their number, dy'd October 26th. Dead.

The Presbytry of Antrim report that Mr James Scot, one of their number, dy'd November 11th.

Summer Hill was supply'd by the Presbytrys of Ardmagh and Monahan according to appointment. Sumer-hill to be supply'd till next Synod.

Capt Robert Galbreath, Comissionate by that people, did supplicate this Synod to supply that Congregation as it was last year; that is, Eight months by the Presbytry of Ardmagh, and four months by the Presbytry of Monahan. The Supplication being considred, the desire was granted.

Send to the Prēbrys Copy of the Questions at Ordinations.

The Scheme of Questions at Ordinations by Mr James Bruce and Mr James Kirkpatrick, were presented to this Synod, and read. The Clerk is order'd to transmit Copys of 'em to the several Presbytrys, that they may be under consideration till next Synod: and if any of the Presbytrys offer any amendments, they are to be giv'n in writing.

VinniCash.

Order'd, that the Inquiry whether the several Presbytrys have pay'd the money appointed for VenniCash be referr'd to the Interloquitur.

In regard the present Moderator is a member of Monahan Synod (the Comittee of Bills having propos'd that the affair of Mr Robert Darrogh, a member of Monahan Presbytry, be now heard by this Synod, to which the Synod did agree), who are concern'd as parties in this cause, the former Moderator was appointed to moderate untill this affair be judg'd; accordingly, Mr William Taylor, former Moderator, did moderate.

Mr Darrogh. Comrs from the Session and Congregation of Monahan desire that they may prosecute their declinature.

George Armstrong, James How, and John Fie, Comissionate from the Session of Monahan; Mr Hector Grhame, Samuel Black, and Cornelius Rowan, Comissionate from the Congregation of Monaghan, produc'd their respective Comissions for prosecuting their declinature of the Presbytry and Synod of Monahan; and Mr Robert Darrogh and the Comissionrs mov'd, that some Members of this Synod may be allow'd to assist them in managing the said affair. Mr Darrogh and the Comissionrs being remov'd, the Synod after reasoning, came to the following vote, grant the desire of Mr Darrogh and the Comissionrs or not? and it was carry'd in the negative. Mr Darrogh and the Comissionrs of Monahan being call'd in, this vote was intimated to them.

The Minuts of Monahan Synod were read.

Then the Minuts of the Synod of Monahan, met in Belfast, June 23d, 1710, were read, appointing the Presbytry of Monaghan to meet at Monahan, August 1, 1710, and hold a Visitation there, and enquire into some scandalous reports charg'd on Mr Darrogh, and appointing Correspondents from the Presbytrys of Ardmagh and Tyrone to meet with the said Presbytry.

The Minuts of the Presbytry of Monah: read.

Then the Minuts of the Presbytry of Monahan, held at Monahan, pursuant to the said appointment, were read.

Mr Darrogh suspended by the Prēsbry of Mon:

Then a declinature with reasons, giv'n in by Mr Darrogh, in his own name, and in the name of his Session and Congregation, wherein he declines the judgment of the said Presbytry and Correspondents, and protests against them. Upon this declinature, the Presbytry having suspended Mr Robert Darrogh from the Exercise of his Ministry till this Synod, in June 1711; which act of Suspension, with some other Minuts relating thereunto, were read.

Next, a letter from the Presbytry to Monahan to Mr Darrogh, and the Copy of another letter from the said Presbytry to the Congregation of Monahan, with Mr Darroh's and the Congregation's letters in return to the same, were read.

The Synod of Mon: approv'd the said Suspension.

Next, the Minut of the Synod of Monahan, approving the act of the Presbytry of Monahan in suspending Mr Darrogh, was read.

Mr Darrogh complains that the Presbytry of Monahan deny'd to

him the benefit of their records; which has rendred him incapable of making his defense to that advantage he otherwise might have done. The Presbytry reply'd that they did not refuse them absolutely, but till the Synod of Monahan should meet, after which he never renew'd his desire; and Mr Darrogh was allow'd to read a paper containing the said complaint more fully. Then Mr Darrogh's declinature, with the reasons of it, were read again; and, after the reading of each reason, the answers of the Synod and Presbytry of Monahan were read.

The reasons of the declinature with the ansrs were read.

After which, Mr Darrogh desir'd that he might have the answers to the reasons till to morrow morning. It was order'd that these answers be put into the hands of Mr Alexander Brown, who is to read them to Mr Darrogh, but not allow any Copy thereof to be taken.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till Ten a clock to morrow morning. The Interloquitur to meet at 7, and converse on Mr Darroh's affair.

Concluded this Session by prayer.

Jovis Horâ Decima ante meridiem. Roll call'd after prayer. Sess: 4a.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Interloquitur of the whole Synod met at 7 of the clock this morning, according to appointment, and spent the limited time in discoursing on Mr Darrogh's affair. The Synod of Monahan being allow'd, at their desire, to come in, mov'd that what is objected against their conduct in this affair may be giv'n to them in writing, that they may answer it; and seing the declinature is discusst, they may be allow'd, in conjunction with the rest of the Synod, to judge in any other affair relating to Mr Darrogh. Mr Darrogh being also present oppos'd the latter part of this desire, upon which the Brethren of the Synod of Monahan receded from it, thô they asserted it was their right, and what they did was in way of condescension. Mr Darrogh appeal'd to all present whether he had directly or indirectly endeavour'd to prepossess any Member in favour of his cause, and none accus'd him of any such Endeavor.

The Interloqr conferr'd on Mr Darroh's affair.

Mr Alexander Brown made report that he obey'd the appointment about reading to Mr Darrogh the Synod of Monahan's answers to Mr Darroh's declinature, which answers were now return'd to the Clerk; and that whole affair being resum'd, Mr Darrogh's reasons and the answers of the Synod and Presbytry of Monahan were read alternately. Mr Darrogh's remarks on every Paragraph of these answers were fully heard, with the replys of the said Synod and Presbytry of Monaghan.

Mr Darrogh's reasons the Synod and Prbry of Monahan, their answers, were read. Mr Darroh's remarks thereupon were read.

Mr Darrogh desir'd that he may be allow'd some Ministers to converse with him before next Sederunt, and that the Sentence of the Synod in that affair may be delay'd till next Sederunt—which was granted; and the persons nam'd were:—Mr William Cornwall, Mr Thomas Orr, Mr Alexander Brown, Mr Fulk Whyte, Mr Thomas Harvey, Mr John Mairs, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr James Kirkpatrick, and Arthur Maxwell, Esqr.

Concluded this Sederunt by prayer.

The Comittees to meet at three of the Clock in the afternoon, and the Synod at 5.

Sess: 5ª. *Jovis horâ 5ª post merid:* After pray^r, Roll call'd.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Synod proceeded in the affair of Mr Darrogh. The Brethren who were allow'd to converse with him report they did converse with him. The partys were call'd, and askt if they have anything farther to advance. They answered they have not, and therefore were appointed to withdraw. After much reasoning, and mature deliberation, the following Questions were put:—

1. Whether the Brethren and Elders of the Synod of Monahan, occasionally met in Belfast, June 23^d, 1710, call'd by their Moderator in the Intervalls of the General Synod, were regularly constituted the Synod of Monahan, and had power to appoint the Presbytry of Monahan to meet at Monahan August 1, 1710, and hold a visitation there; and it was carry'd in the affirmative, by a great majority of votes.

Questions stated and voted concerning Mr Robert Darrogh, minister in Monaghan.

Then it being propos'd that the following Question be put, viz:—Whether the Synod of Monahan did proceed regularly in appointing the Presbytry of Monahan to cite persons within the Congregation of Monahan, or any other Congregation within the bounds of the said Presbytry, to appear the first day of August to give light—in the mean time, noe way advertising Mr Darrogh of the particular facts he was reported to be guilty of, or the names of the persons to be cited.

Upon some debate this Question was put—whether first put the above-mentioned Question about the proceedings of the Synod of Monaghan or this Question—Sustain the declinature or not? and it was carry'd, vote first whether Sustain the declinature or not? Accordingly, the Question was put—Sustain the declinature or not? and it was carry'd, by a great majority of votes, not Sustain.

Next the vote was put—whether there was Sufficient ground for the Suspension or not? It was carry'd, Sufficient ground, by a great majority.

Then a Motion being made, that the Question should be put—whether the Synod of Monahan was faulty in appointing the Presbytry of Monahan to cite persons within the Congregation of Monahan, or other Congregations within the bounds of the said Presbytry, to appear the first of August, to give light in the reports concerning Mr Darrogh; after some reasoning, it was agreed to delay this till next Sederunt.

After which, the Synod adjourn'd till 9 to morrow morning.

This Session was concluded by prayer.

Sess: 6ª. *Veneris horâ nona ante meridiem.* (Roll call'd after prayer.)

Sederunt qui supra.

The Synod proceeded on the affair of Mr Darrogh. The Questions concerning the procedure of the Synod of Monahan are delay'd till the Comittee for revising the Books make their report.

And the following Question being mov'd—whether Mr Darrogh be guilty of obstinacy in exercising his Ministry after a just sentence of Suspension past by the Presbytry of Monahan, and confirm'd by the Synod of Monahan. Ordered, that before the said Question be voted, that the Synod and Prēsbry of Monahan, the Comissioners from Monahan, and Mr Darroh, be call'd in, and heard upon the subject of the said Question. And the said parties being call'd, the Presbytry did assert, and Mr Darroh did confess judicially, that he did exercise his Ministry after the said sentence of Suspension was past against him. Whereupon (after removing the said parties), the above Question was put—whether Mr Robert Darrogh be guilty of obstinacy in exercising his Ministry, after a just sentence of Suspension past against him by the Presbytry of Monaghan, and confirm'd by the Synod of Monahan; and it was carry'd in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

Next, the Synod came to consider what censure shall be inflicted on Mr Darrogh for that obstinacy whereof he is now found guilty. The state of the Question was, Suspend or depose Mr Darragh. Before the Question was put, the partys were call'd in, and Mr Alexr Sinclare appointed, by solemn prayer, to call on God for light and direction in this important affair; which, accordingly, was done, partys being again removed.

Then the aforesaid Question was put—Suspend or depose Mr Darrogh; and it was carry'd unanimously, Suspend; and he is accordingly Suspended from the Exercise of his Ministry, in all its parts.

Mr Darrogh suspended till the Synod of Monahan, to meet in October next.

And the Question being put—whether this Suspension be continu'd till the ordinary time of the Meeting of the Synod of Monaghan, in October next. It was carry'd in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

The Synod of Monaghan and Mr Darrogh being call'd in, the said Sentence was intimated, and all the votes of this Synod upon that affair were read to them.

As to the method of removing the said Sentence, and for trying the matter of the *fama clamosa* concerning Mr Darrogh, the consideration thereof is delay'd till next Sederunt.

Then we adjourn'd till 5 of the clock *a merid:*, at which time all partys are ordred to attend. The several Comittees are to meet at 3. This Session was concluded by prayer.

Veneris horâ 5a post merid: After prayer and calling of the Roll. Sess: 7ma.

Sederunt qui supra.

The remaining part of the affair relating to Mr Darrogh being taken into consideration, Mr Darrogh and the Comissionrs of Monaghan were call'd, and they not appearing, the Synod order'd their Servant to go and look for him and them, and to shew to them that this Synod appoints all of them to attend this Synod imediately; and, in the mean time, they order a Supplication from Gallway to be read.

From the Congregation of Galway appear by Comission Evan Tyler, John Dingwell, Francis MontGomery, presenting from the said Congregation a Supplication setting forth that they are now vacant by

Galway referr'd to the Interloqr, who is to report to the Synod.

the dimission of their late Pastor, Mr Nathaniel Orr, accepted by the Presbytry of Down, supplicating to be anext to the Presbytry of Monaghan, and to be continu'd upon the publick fund, as formerly. Whereupon, diverse Brethren having mov'd that the reasons of Mr Nathaniel Orr's dimission of his Charge at Galway may be enquir'd into—It was Ordred that Enquiry into the said affair may be referr'd to the Interloqr, and likewise the subject of the said Supplication, and the Interloqr is appointed to report their opinion to the Synod.

Mr Darrogh and the Comissionrs being come, the Synod orders that affair may be resum'd. Mr Darrogh was askt if he would acquiesce in the sentence past against him, to which he gave noe direct answer.

Ordered that Mr Thomas Orr, Mr James Kirkpatrick and Mr Alexr Brown go out with Mr Darrogh and converse with him, endeavouring to persuade him to submit to the Sentence, and that they make report to the Synod, and Mr Darrogh return with 'em.

Supplys to Monahan Congregation till the Presbytry of Mon: meet, on last Tuesday of July next.

The Synod appoints Mr James Blair of Moyra to preach at Monaghan on Sabbath come eight days, and intimate the Suspension, and out of a compassionate regard to that Congregation have now appointed Supplys to them till the next Meeting of the Presbytry of Monaghan, which is to be the last Tuesday of July next, viz:—Mr Thomas Mulligan on Sabbath come fortnight, Mr John Boyd on Sabbath come three weeks, and Mr David Thomb, preacher, on the fourth Sabbath in July; Mr John Campbell, preacher, on the fifth.

Ministers to converse with the Comissioners of Monaghan report.

Mr John McBride, Mr Alexr Sinclar, and Mr John Mairs were appointed to go out and converse with the Comissionrs of Monahan, representing the Synod's respect to that Congregation, and persuading them to acquiesce in the Sentence, and carry peaceably; who accordingly went out, and returning, report that the Comissionrs do acquiesce in the sentence of the Synod, only they desire the proceeding of the Synod and Presbytry of Monahan may be enquir'd into. This the Synod has resolv'd to do when report is made by the Revisers of Monahan Synod Book.

Ministers who convers'd with Mr Darrogh, report.

Mr Orr, Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Brown report that upon their conference with Mr Darrogh they find him under a great weight and pressure of mind, and that he is disturb'd by want of rest, and the bad state of his health at present, and is truly an object of Compassion in his present circumstances, and he himself begs to have leave to recollect his thoughts, being incapable at present to entertain any conference on any Subject whatsoever. After the report of these conferences the Comissioners from Monaghan desir'd Mr McBride might converse with them, which was granted.

Vennicash hath the former allowance continu'd.

By allowance of the Comittee of Bills, a Supplication from the Congregation of VenniCash was presented to the Synod, and read, setting forth their deplorable circumstances, and that if they be not assisted their Minister cannot possibly subsist, and therefore praying that the Supply formerly granted them may be continu'd. The Presbytry of Ardmagh attest the truth of what is represented in the petition, and further say that Congregation is weakned by a part being taken off it to make a new Erection at LoghGall. The Question was

put—continue the former allowance to VenniCash or augment? It was carry'd, continue, by majority of votes.

By allowance of the Comittee of Bills, a Comission from the Congregation of Londonderry—Alderman Macky and Mr Joseph Morison Commissionrs—with a Supplication, returning their thanks to the Synod for their former care, and praying that they may be appointed Supplys till next Synod, or untill they be planted, and that the appointment of a Comittee (in case it be necessary for their settlement) be renew'd. This affair was delay'd. London-Derry.

The Interloqr to meet at 7 to morrow morning, and full Synod at 9. This Session was concluded by prayer.

Die Sat: horâ nona ante merid: After Prayer, Roll call'd. Sess: 8va.

Sederunt qui supra.

The affair of the Comissionrs of London-Derry being resum'd, the Synod agree to give 'em Supplys, and the Question was put—whether the Congregation of Derry shall be supply'd as formerly last year, or by some other method? and it was carry'd, that they shall be supply'd as formerly last year. The further consideration of this affair was delay'd till Munday. Derry to be supply'd as formerly last year.

In reference to Mr Darrogh, it was mov'd that the Presbytry of Monaghan, as soon as possible, enquire into the *Fama clamosa* concerning him, form a Lybell if they find cause, give him a copy of it, and cite witnesses, whose names shall be timeously giv'n to Mr Darrogh, and the determination to be by that Presbytry, with Correspondents from all the Presbytrys in the Synods of Belfast and Derry.

The Question was put—approve this Overture or not? and it was carry'd unanimously, approve. In pursuance of which vote, the Presbytrys of the Synods of Belfast and Derry were appointed to withdraw, and chuse three Ministers and one Ruling Elder out of each Presbytry to joyn with the Presbytry of Monaghan in the aforesaid Tryall of Mr Darrogh; and accordingly, the said Presbytrys having first withdrawn and now return'd, make the following report:—The Presbytry of Convoy have chosen Mr William Holmes, senr, Mr Thomas Craghead, and Mr David Ferly, Ministers, and Mr John Wilson, Ruling Elder; The Presbytry of Derry have chosen Mr John Harvy, Mr William Gray, and Mr John Ball, Ministers, and Mr David Paterson, Ruling Elder; The Presbytry of Rout have chosen Mr James Woodsyd, Mr James McGrigor, and Mr Alexr Orr, Ministers, and Mr Dominick Heyland, Ruling Elder; The Presbytry of Belfast have chosen Mr John McBride, Mr James Kirkpatrick, and Mr Thomas Gowan, Ministers, and Mr William Moor, Ruling Elder; The Presbytry of Down have chosen Mr John Mairs, Mr Thomas Orr, and Mr James Reid, Ministers, and Mr Hugh Wallace, of Ravara, Ruling Elder; The Presbytry of Antrim have chosen Mr William Ogilvie, Mr William Livingston, and Mr James Crichton, Ministers, and Mr Patrick Agnew, Ruling Elder: which nomination was approv'd by this Synod; and it's order'd that if any of the above named Ministers or Elders can Correspondents from all the Presbytrys of Belfast and Derry Synods to joyn with the Presbytry of Monahan about the *Fama clamosa* to be try'd at Monahan, on the third Tuesday of September next.

give sufficient reasons why they cannot attend the said Tryall, the Presbytry to which they belong shall have power to excuse them, and send others in their stead. The place of the Tryall is the Town of Monaghan, and the time of the Tryal is the third Tuesday of September next, at four of the clock afternoon, with continuation of days. The Lybell, and names of all the witnesses cited to prove it, shall be given to Mr Darrogh, twenty days before the comencement of the Tryall. What is further necessary to be considred in this affair is referr'd till Munday next.

Drumbanoher.

Ordered, that a Supplication from the people of Drumbanoher and Glen be heard and consider'd on Munday next; and then the Synod adjourn'd till Munday next, at three of the Clock, afternoon, and appointed an Interloqr to meet at eleven a clock on Munday.

This Session was concluded by prayer.

Sess: 9a.

Die Lunæ horâ tertia post merid: Roll call'd after prayer.

Sederunt qui supra.

Derry. Supplys appointed to that Congregation.

Order'd, that of the affairs to be treated this Session that of Derry be first consider'd. In Pursuance of what was formerly done, the several Presbytrys having first (according to appointment) withdrawn and then return'd, report they have chosen the following persons respectively to supply Derry Congregation:—The Presbytry of Tyrone have chosen Mr. Baptist Boyd to supply the moneth of August; the Presbytry of Ardmagh have chosen Mr John Hutcheson to supply the moneth of September; the Presbytry of Monahan have chosen Mr Umphry Thompson to supply the moneth of October; the Presbytry of Colerain have chosen Mr William Boyd to supply the moneth of November; the Presbytry of Derry to supply the moneths of July, December, January, and February, and name their own Supplyers in their own Presbytry at home, only they are to name before they go hence from the Synod, who shall supply till the first Meeting of their Presbytry at home; the Presbytry of Convoy have chosen Mr Francis Laird to supply the moneth of March; the Presbytry of Down have chosen Mr. James Bruce to supply the moneth of Aprile; the Presbytry of Belfast have chosen Mr Robert Craghead to supply the moneth of May; the Presbytry of Antrim have chosen Mr Charles Masterton to supply the moneth of June. The Synod approves the above nomination; and in case any of the above-named Brethren can give sufficient reasons why they cannot perform the appointed Supplys, the respective Presbytrys are appointed to excuse them, and send others in their stead; and the Synod approves of the times appointed for those Supplys.

And the following Question was then put—whether this Synod shall appoint a Comittee to determine in the case of an appeal from the Congregation of Derry, or from any other Congregation, in respect to the settlement of Derry, or in case of any reference with respect to the said settlement? and it was carry'd in the negative. The Comissioners of Derry being call'd in, the determination of this Synod was intimated to 'em.

By allowance of the Comittee of Bills, an Appeal from Mr John McGill, of Tullycarne, from the sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh, past on a Supplication, with reasons giv'n, for the Townland of Tullycarne being a part of the Congregāon of Dromore; which appeal was read, with a Comission from the Inhabitants of Tullycarne to Mr John McGill to represent and act for 'em in that affair;—also a Comission from the Session of DonoghClony—John Chalmers and Alexr Chalmers, Comissionrs, to act in their name. The Minuts of the Presbytry of Ardmagh in that affair were read; also a paper by Mr John McGill to the Presbytry of Ardmagh, entituled, reasons why the Town-land of Tullycarne should be joyn'd to the Congregation of Dromore, not to Donoghclony; next, the answers to the said reasons; then the reasons of Mr McGill's appeal and the Presbytry of Ardmagh's answers were read alternately. Mr McGill desir'd leave to read a paper containing replys to the answers of Donoghclony, the substance of which, he says, was verbally deliver'd by him before the Presbytry past sentence. The Question was put, allow Mr McGill to read the same paper or not? It was carry'd allow, by majority of votes; accordingly it was read.

Mr McGill, Tullycarne.

DonoghClony. The Presbytry of Ardmagh.

After which, parties being fully heard were remov'd. The Synod then consider'd this affair seriously, and a Motion being made that without coming to a present decision on this appeal a Comittee should meet to morrow morning at seven a clock in the New Meeting House to consider the whole affair, and bring an Overture upon it, and that in the mean time the Comissionrs of Donoghclony may have Mr McGill's last replys, that they may have the opportunity of answering them before the Comittee, this Motion was unanimously agreed to. The members of the said Comittee are—Mr William Smith, Mr John Malcom, Mr John Campbell, Mr William Ambrose, Mr James Tayt, Mr Mathew Clark, and these Ruling Elders—Arthur Maxwell, Esqr, Capt Wilson, Major Handcock.

A Comittee to overture on that affair to the Synod.

The affair of Galway was then resum'd, and the Synod unanimously agreed to añex that Congregation to the Presbytry of Monaghan.

Galway anext to Monaghan Prbty.

The people of Drumbanoher and Glen, by their Comissionrs, William Waterson, William Andrew, John Oughterson, and James Conolly, present a representation of their case, humbly petitioning that they may be reañext to the Congregation of Newry, which representation was now receiv'd and read. From the Session and Congregation of Donoghmore appear'd, by Comission, John Tod and Archibald Camond, presented a Supplication in name of the said Session and Congregation, complaining that the people of Drumbanoher and Glen have not obey'd the Acts of this Synod añexing them to the said Congregation, whereby their Congregation is likely to sink, and praying for remedy of their Grievances, and the añexation of some other Town Lands now belonging to the congregation of Newry. Partys being remov'd, a motion was made that the former Acts of this Synod for añexing Drumbanoher and Glen be so far repeal'd as to give full power to the Presbytry of Ardmagh with Correspondents to consider the whole affair as if noe such Acts had been ever made. The Question was put, approve the said motion or not? and it was carry'd in the affirmative *nem: contradic:*

Drumbanoher, Glen, Donoghmore.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till Ten a clock to morrow morning, all Comittees to meet at Eight a clock to morrow morning, the Interloq^r^ to meet imediately.

This Session concluded by prayer.

Sess: 10ma.

Die Martis horâ Decima ante merid: Roll call'd after prayer.

Sederunt qui supra.

William McCracken a poor man.

A Petition of William McCracken of Latterkenny being transmitted by the Comittee of Bills, was read, setting forth his distresst condition by an accidental fire, and praying for Charity. The Synod, having a good report of the Petitioner, and understanding that he hath a publick Brief from the Government, do recomend him to the several Ministers and Sessions to be as kind and liberal to him as they can when the said Brief comes to their hands.

Aghalow.

Recomended by the Comittee of Bills a Comission of John Moor, James Watson and others, Comission^rs^ from a part of the Congregation of Ahalow, with a Supplication complaining of injustice done by others of the said Congregation in removing their Meeting House from the Seat appointed by the Presbytry of Monaghan, and praying that they may be erected into a new Congregation; also a Supplication from the other part of that Congregation, subscrib'd by Francis Bell and others, representing that their neighbours of the other part have been disorderly in leaving their Congregation, and supplicated that they may be oblig'd to continne orderly with them.

Order'd, that this affair be referr'd to a Comittee, to make an Overture upon it. The Members of the Committee are:—M^r^ McBride, Mr Bruce, Mr Pettigrew, Mr William Cornwal, and Mr John McGachine, Ministers, and Arthur Maxwel, Esqr, Mr James Johnston, Ruling Elders. This Comittee to meet imediately in the New Meeting House.

Tullycarne joyn'd to the Congregation of Dromore.

The Comittee appointed to consider M^r^ McGill's appeal brought in the following Overture:—Whereas, it appears to us that Mr John McGill, now deceast, having been first an orderly member of the Session and Congregation of Dromore, and joyning in a Call to Mr William Ligat, when dwelling in Tullycarne, did, disorderly, upon some resentment, withdraw from Dromore to Donoghclony, which was never enquir'd into judicially, and so neither approv'd nor condemn'd; and whereas Mr John McGill, jun^r^, hath always shew'd his inclination to joyn with Dromore according to the first right, and accordingly declar'd himself when he became first Inhabitant in Tullycarne, that the said Townland of Tullycarne be declar'd a part of the Congregation of Dromore: and whereas Mr John McGill shews his willingness to resign his Interest in his father's Seat to the use of the Congregation of DonoghClony, we desire it may be recomended to M^r^ McGill joyning with the Congregation of DonohClony, to use their best endeavors to have the said Seat planted to the best advantage of the Congregation of DonoghClony. The Question was put, approve this Overture or not? and it was carry'd, approve, by a great majority of votes.

The Comittee appointed by this General Synod on the affair of Ahalow having considred and reason'd fully thereupon, and finding that Matters are come to such a height betwixt partys, it is agreed:—1. that the Presbytry of Tyrone endeavour to make a new Erection in that part of Ahalow now call'd Bellymagraan. 2. That this Synod enjoyn the Presbytry of Tyrone to prepare this affair so as that the other part of Ahalow be preserv'd a sufficient Congregation, and that the Presbytry in the mean time give some supplys to Bellymagraan. 3. That this be done against the time of the sitting of the next Synod of Monahan, and they do determine or confirm it, Bellymagraan being always oblig'd to pay up their arrear fully to Mr Baptist Boyd. The question was put, Approve the said Overture or not? It was carry'd, Approve. Ahalow, the Comittee overture thereupon.

There being an affair concerning delegation in dependance before this Synod, the Question was put, whether that affair shall be the first subject treated at our next Sederunt and nothing to intervene, and it was carry'd in the affirmative by a great majority. Delegation referr'd.

The Revisers of the Synod Book of Monaghan having made noe remarks upon their proceedings in the affair of Mr Darrogh, this Synod waves all consideration of the said proceedings, and approves the said Book, and appoints the Clerk to insert so in the Book. Monahan Synod Book approv'd.

Mr Darrogh's affair being resum'd and largely discourst of, the following Brethren, viz., Mr McBride, Mr Hutcheson, and Mr Orr are to make an Overture about the Management of Mr Darrogh's Tryall, and present it to next Sederunt. Ministers to Overture about Mr Darrogh.

Belfast and Derry Synod Books were revis'd and approv'd, the Clerk to insert so in these respective Books. Then we adjourn'd till 5 a clock *a merid:* The Interloqr is to meet at 4, and Presbytrys to meet at 3. Belfast & Derry Synod books approv'd.

This Session concluded by prayer.

Martis hora 5a post merid: Roll call'd after prayer. Sess: 11ma.

Sederunt qui supra.

The affair of Delegation was resum'd, according to order. After much discourse, a Motion was made that it be delay'd till next Synod, and that it be the first business on the Second day of the Synod entred upon. The Question was put, agree to this Motion or not? and it was carry'd in the affirmative by majority of votes. Delegation referr'd till next Synod.

The Brethren appointed to bring an Overture for the better managing Mr Darrogh's affair report they have considred it, but have not had time to ripen any Overture upon it. The Synod ordered the aforesaid Brethren to bring in their Overture to our next Sederunt.

The Presbytry of Down report that Mr James Montgomery, one of their number, dy'd October 26th. Dead since last Synod.

The Presbytry of Antrim report that Mr James Scot, one of their number, dy'd November 11th.

Mr Alexr Reid is appointed to supply Moyra next Lord's Day. Mr George Lang is to advertise him of this appointment.

The Comittee for the Funds is strictly enjoyn'd to meet to morrow morning at 7 a clock in the Session house of the Old Meeting House.

Acts of the Gen: Assembly.

An Overture, transmitted by the Comittee of Overtures, that each Presbytry procure a Copy of all the printed acts of the General Assembly of Scotland, being considred, was agreed to *nem: contradic:* Then the Synod adjourn'd till nine a clock to morrow morning, and an Interloq^r to meet immediately. This Session concluded by prayer.

Sess: 12^a.

Mercury horâ nona ante merid: Roll call'd after prayer.

Sederunt qui supra.

Time and place of next Synod.

The Synod voted that our next General Synod be in Belfast, on the third Tuesday of June—Sermon to begin at five a clock that afternoon.

LoghGall.

A Supplication from LoghGall being read and consider'd, it's resolv'd that this Synod will grant them some support.

Moy-water.

A Supplication from Moy-water being consider'd, it's order'd that the former Quota of fifteen pound promist them be continu'd, because the Minister was setled upon the Credit of that promise, and that the arrears be payd out of the Fund.

Athlone.

A Supplication from Athlone being consider'd, it's ordred that in regard their Minister was setled upon the Credit of a promise by this Synod of Ten pound ℔ ann:, that the said Ten pound be continu'd, and the arrears be pay'd.

Edenderry.

A Supplication from Edenderry being consider'd, its Order'd that in regard their Minister was settled on the Credit of a promise by this Synod of fifteen pound ℔ ann:, the said Sum̄ is continu'd, and the arrears to be pay'd.

Belturbet.

A Supplication from Belturbet being read and consider'd, and it being represented that the Presbytry of Monaghan will be encourag'd to enlarge their contributions to the Fund if Belturbet be put upon that Fund, and that there is a fair prospect of a Congregation there if they can get some assistance, it's ordred that some Supply be granted to said Congregation.

Lisburn.

A Supplication from Lisburn, praying for assistance for defraying the charge of their Meeting House, being read and considred, It's ordred that each Presbytry shall recom̄end it to their several Sessions to take care that these who have not contributed to that purpose already shall contribute for it; and the respective Sum̄s collected for that use shall be brought to the Presbytrys, and by them returned to the people of Lisburn.

Mr Stuart, Cushendole.

Its Order'd that the respective Presbytrys, at their first Sederunt, do appoint punctually the arrears due to Mr Stewart of Cushendole to be pay'd and return'd to Mr Bryce Blair of Belfast.

Stranorlan.

A Supplication of the Presbyterian Congrgation of Stranorlan being read and considred, its ordred that the said Congregation have some Supply from this Synod.

The Minister of Droheda being setled upon the Credit of a pro-

mise by this Synod of forty pound ℔ ann:, it's ordred that the said Sum̄ be continu'd, and the sum̄ of Twenty pound promist them formerly for defraying the charge of repairing their Meeting House be payd them or their Order. Drogheda.

Ordered that Mr Hugh Henry have fifteen pound pay'd out of the Fund for supplying Drogheda. Mr Hu: Henry supply'd Droheda.

Order'd, upon Mr John Hutcheson's reasons now offer'd, that his Supply of Derry be for the moneth of February, and that the Presbytry of Derry supply for the moneth of September.

The Brethren appointed to draw up an Overture in Mr Darrogh's case as to the prosecution and discussing of the *Fama clamosa*, Overture as follows:—Whereas, it's plain in this case that Mr Darrogh will either submit to the Sentence of the General Synod or not; if it falls out, as there is some cause to fear it may, that he deny Subjection to the sentence of this Synod, We Overture:— The Method of managing the *Fama Clamosa*.

1. That there be a Manifesto drawn up, declaring what hath been done in the several judicatrys concerning him where this affair hath been already consider'd, as also that there be a full representation of the *Fama clamosa*, the particular facts to be charg'd on him, with a full account of what unexceptionable Evidence could have been produc'd had Mr Darrogh stood his Tryall, and that in the case aforesaid the Presbytry of Monahan proceed to depose him *simpliciter*, and supersede the calling of the Correspondents, and that this Manifesto be publisht from the several Pulpits within the Bounds of the Presbytry of Monaghan, and all other Presbytrys within the bounds of this Synod.

But, in case he submit to the Sentence of the Synod, for the more orderly procedure in his Tryall, and discussing the *fama clamosa*, We Overture:—1. That the Presbytry of Monahan, from their first Sederunt, proceed to the frameing and drawing up a Lybell against the said Mr. Darrogh, enquiring carefully into the particular facts, and the witnesses, their honesty and credibility, who are to attest the crimes he's suppos'd guilty of, their names and places of their abode.

2. This Lybell being so fram'd, and the names of proper witnesses being condescended upon, Mr Darrogh be cited to appear before their next Presbytry to receive his Lybell, with continuance of Twenty days time to consider of his Lybell and the Evidences to be produc'd against him.

3. At which time, viz:, at the Expiration of the Twenty days, the said Presbytry proceed to the Tryall of said Mr Darrogh, and by their letters desire the Correspondents of the respective Presbytrys to attend that day and assist in the said Tryall.

4. That in case any material witness, through sickness, necessary absence, or otherwise, will not appear, that the said Presbytry, with the Correspondents, have power, with continuation of days, to adjourn themselv's from place to place and time to time, untill these witnesses appear, and the whole affair be brought to a suitable issue. About Mr Robert Darrogh.

5. That the Presbytry of Monahan be empower'd to use all prudent and suitable means to bring witnesses usefull in this case.

6. That, if the affair may take issue at or before the Synod of Monahan shall meet in October next, that then the whole proceeding be laid before that Synod; which Synod shall then proceed to take off Mr Darrogh's Suspension or continue it, as they shall find reason.

The state of the vote was—approve the above Overtures or not? and it was carry'd, Approve, *nem: contradic:*

Answer to Plunketstreet and Presbytry of Dublin.

By the Comittee of Bills, a Letter from the Presbytry of Dublin, and another from the Session of Plunketstreet, were recomended to the Interloqr. The said letters were read, together with the articles agreed on at Dundalk (of all which see at more length in the Interloqr Minuts). The Question was put—approve or not the said resolutions of the Interloqr, with the letters to the Session of Plunketstreet and to the Presbytry of Dublin, which, by Order of the Interloqr, were written, and now read; and it was carry'd, approve, *nem: contradic:*

Review Minuts of Belfast Synod in favour of Mr Alexr Sinclar.

Upon Information that some things in the Minuts of the Synod of Belfast gave dissatisfacton to Mr Alexr Sinclare and the people of Plunketstreet, it is recomended to the Synod of Belfast to take a review of those Minuts, and, as far as they can in justice, give satisfaction to Mr Sinclar in that matter.

Censure on such as left the Synod without leave.

The Synod consider'd what censure to inflict on such Members who have gone away without leave sought and obtain'd. It is concluded, that for this time they be appointed to supply vacant Congregations; but, that the Presbytrys have it under consideration to prepare an Overture for the censure of such delinquents, to be enacted at next Synod. Mr Henry Crooks to supply Galway two Sabbaths, Mr Archbald Boyd to supply Belturbet two Sabbaths, Mr John Boyd to supply Cavan two Sabbaths, Mr William Boyd to supply Drumnahere two Sabbaths, Mr John Stirling to supply Galway two Sabbaths, Mr John Ball to supply Drumnahere two Sabbaths, Mr William Holmes and Mr Thomas Craghead to supply Pittigo each two Sabbaths, Mr Henry Hamilton to supply Dundalk two Sabbaths, Mr David Ferly to supply Pittigo one Sabbath, Mr Leech to supply Dundalk two Sabbaths.

These Ministers are punctually to perform their appointed Supplys, and if they do not, without relevant excuse, they are to be appointed at next Synod to supply a double number of days. The Presbytrys in whose bounds the vacancys are, are to advertise the Presbytrys to which the Ministers appointed are subject what time the Supplys are to be perform'd.

Mr Bruce and Mr Mairs are to joyn with our Clerk and his assistants in revising these Minuts.

The Synod concluded.

Roll being call'd, The Synod was concluded by prayer.

Interloquitur I.

Mrs Fisher Donoghmore.

By the Interquitur of the last Synod there was fifteen pound appointed to be pay'd by DonoghMore to Mrs Fisher. Upon Enquiry it appears the money is not pay'd. Mr Mairs, Mr Hutcheson, and Mr Ferguson, are appointed to make an Overture on this, and lay it before the Comittee of Overtures.

Mr Samuel Peacock, Mr Abel Orr, and Mr John Cuthbert, Comissionated by the Session of Plunketstreet, appear'd and presented a letter directed to the Synod—which was read—desiring that this Synod would concurr with them in setling Mr James Woods, a Probationr subject to the Presbytry of Dublin, to be a Colleague to their Pastor, Mr Alexr Sinclare, and that the Congregation of Plunketstreet may be añext to the Presbytry of Dublin. Plunketstreet.

For Enquiring into the state of our Publick Fund, and examining Mr Bryce Blair's accompts, we appoint the following Comittee, viz:— Mr Thomas Keñedy, Junr, Mr John Wilson, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr Samuel Henry, Mr John Mairs, Mr John Malcom, Mr Alexr Brown. The said Comittee is likewise to examine Mr Blair's accompts of *Regia Dona.* This Comittee's first Meeting is to morrow morning, at Six of the clock, in Mr Blair's house. A Comittee to examine the accou of the Fund and R:D:

Mr John Lee's double proportion of *Regium Donum* hath been pay'd. Mr John Lee.

A Complaint was made that the Session of Breaky has giv'n a Certificat to a member of that Congregation who yet owes a great arrear to Mr Lee. This affair is referr'd to the Presbytry of Monaghan. Breaky.

A Motion being made that the act appointing a double proportion of *Reg: Don:* to Mr Lee be repeal'd, the Question was put—Repeal or not? It was carry'd, not repeal, by a majority of votes. Mr John Wilson of Carlinford desir'd his dissent might be entred against this vote. Double proportion of R:D: continu'd to Mr Lee.

Monsr LaVallade, Minister of the French Church at Lisburn, presented to this Interloqr a letter from a French Church or Congregation in Dublin, Subscrib'd by Messrs Darassus, Balaguier, and Durand, Ministers, Mr Bete, DelaVal, Elders, Mr Merciere, Secretaire; in which letter they request our charitable assistance to them in building their Meeting house. This Interloqr resolv's to assist the said Congregation to the utmost of our power, and for ways and means refer this to the Comittee for Overtures. Monsr Lavallade, Minister of the French Congregation in Lisburn, desires our assistance, &c.

2.

Inquiry being made whether Mr Bryce Blair (pursuant to the appointment of Interloqr of last Synod) hath pay'd Thirty pound to Counsellr Stevens, and forty three pound to Mr Joseph Henry, Mr Samuel Henry, one of the Comittee for the Fund, reports that he finds in Mr Blair's accounts the sum of Twelve pound Sixteen shilling pay'd to Counsellr Stephens, and there remains Seventeen pound four shilling due to him. This Interloqr orders Mr Blair to pay, out of what publick money is in his hand, the Seventeen pound four shilling ballance to Counsellr Stephens. Every Presbytry is to meet and see what money is pay'd to Mr Blair, and what of that publick money they have in Town to pay it to him, and report to the next Interloqr. And, understanding that Mr Joseph Henry has not got his money, This Interloqr orders Mr Blair to pay to Mr Joseph Henry what we owe to him, out of the first and readiest money belonging to the Fund he now Pay Counsellr Stephens and Mr Joseph Henry.

has in his hand, after Counsell^r Stephens is pay'd, and, if he have not the full money in his hand, he is to pay it out of the first money which he reciev's.

The Comittee for publick Fund to bring a clear state of that accompt.

The Comittee that was appointed to examine Mr Blair's Accompts of the Fund or publick money, is to meet and report to us the state of our publick Fund.

Edenderry.

The affair of Edenderry is delay'd till the Comittee for the Fund make report. Whether the money applotted by last Synod has been rais'd and apply'd according to appointment, is to be consider'd after the Comittee for the Fund doth make their report; after which all the particulars of said applotment are to be strictly inquir'd into.

3.

Plunketstreet.

The Affair of Mr Alex^r Sinclare and Plunketstreet being resum'd, for prepareing that affair the following members were appointed to confer with Mr Sinclare, Mr Wood, and Plunketstreet Comissioners, viz:—M^r McBride, Mr Mairs, Mr Abernethy, Mr Hickenbottam, Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr William Cornwall, Mr Baptist Boyd, and Mr Colvill.

M^r McGachine.

The arrears due to M^r McGachine of Enniskilling, and Mr James Stuart of Cushendole, are to be pay'd up as soon as possible by each Presbytry that owes the Money to those Brethren.

Moy-water.

William Smyth, Comissionate by the Session and Congregation of Moy-water, produc'd a Supplication from the said Session and Congregation (being introduc'd by the Comittee of Bills), praying that the arrears due to their Minister out of the publick Fund may be pay'd, and that an effectual way be taken by this Synod for keeping the Gospel among them. This affair is to be taken into consideration when the Comittee for Fund makes report.

Plunket-Street.

The Brethren appointed to confer with Mr Sinclar, Mr Wood, and the Comission^rs from Plunketstreet, report that they obey'd the appointment, and discours'd at length with them concerning the difficultys that seem to attend granting their desire; whereupon, Mr Sinclar, Mr Wood, and the Comissioners were call'd in, and they being fully heard, withdrew.

4.

Ordered, before we consider the desire of Mr Sinclare and Plunketstreet, we first consider the articles of agreement made at Dundalk, Augt 24, 1710, between the Comission^rs of this Synod, and the Comission^rs of the Presbytry of Dublin—seeing these articles are the foundation on which we are to proceed in the aforesaid affair; which articles were severally read and consider'd, as follows:—

Article 1.

That in the Ordination of any person in Dublin to any Congregation subject to a Northern Presbytry, the said Presbytry do ordinarily appoint one of the Brethren, residing in Dublin, that belongs to them to preside in the Ordination, except any extraordinary Emergency oblige them to do otherwise. Was agreed to, *nem: contradic:*

It's agreed, that after the Presbytry in the North have taken what Tryalls they think fitt of any Candidate of theirs to be ordain'd in Dublin, The Presbytry of Dublin may also take what Tryalls they think needfull; and in case the Presbytry of Dublin should not be satisfy'd with the said Candidate Tryalls, then the final determination shall be by the Presbytry in the North and that in Dublin, or as many of their members as they think fitt, in conjunction. This Article was also agreed to, *nem: contradic:* Art: 2.

'Tis agreed that in case any Minister in Dublin that is a member of a Northern Presbytry fall into any scandalous Error or Immorality that is manifest and notorious, the Brethren in Dublin that belong to the North be commissioned to joyn with an equal number of their Brethren in Dublin, to suspend the person till his crime be laid before the Presbytry in the North, and that his case be try'd and judg'd by the Presbytry in the North, or a Comittee appointed by them, in conjunction with a Comittee appointed by the Presbytry of Dublin, equal in number to the Ministers residing in Dublin that belong to the North. Art: 3.

It being now late, we cannot go through all the Articles this night; and, in the mean time, the following Question was put—Whether the granting the desire of Mr Sinclar and congregation of Plunketstreet be inconsistent with those Articles already agreed to, both by us and the Presbytry of Dublin? and it was carry'd, *nem: contradic:*, in the affirmative; and then it was resolv'd, *nem: contradic:*, that in the settlement of Plunketstreet this Synod will proceed according to those Articles, and will endeavor to take the most expedient and peaceable measures they can for the comfort of Plunketstreet, and the comon peace of Brethren both in the North and Dublin.

5.

This Interloqr did proceed to consider the third Article, agreed to at Dundalk (as is above written), the amendment to which Article, sent down by the Presbytry of Dublin to this Synod, is as follows:—

'Tis agreed—I. That in case any Member of a Northern Presbytry, residing in Dublin, shall fall into any Scandalous Error or Immorality, which is notorious and manifest, The Presbytry of Dublin, together with the other Northern members residing here, and being a constant Comittee from the North, shall take the matter into their imediate cognisance so far as to judge concerning the expediency of proceeding to a suspension; which suspension (after they have declar'd their judgment) is to be pronounc'd by the foresaid constant Comittee from the North, and by an Equal Number from the Presbytry of Dublin, acting in the name and according to the Instructions of the rest. Dublin Presbytry's amendment to the third Article.

2. And It's also agreed that after the crime of the said offending Minister hath been laid before the Presbytry in the North, His case shall be further try'd and judg'd by the Presbytry of the North and the Presbytry of Dublin in conjunction, or by a Comittee from both Presbytrys, consisting of equal numbers.

The Synod's amendment.

Which amendment was subscrib'd by Jos: Boyse, Mod^{r}, and J: Hemingway, Cl: Pres: The Article, as it was concluded *in terminis* by the said Commissioners at Dundalk, as in the above third article, is what we would prefer to any amendment; but seing the Presbytry of Dublin has made an amendment to it as aforesaid, the Question was put whether we agree thereunto, with the following amendment made by it to us, viz:—And there shall be an appeal to the General Synod from the Presbytrys of Dublin and the North, or a Comittee of them acting in conjunction in the said case; and it was carry'd in the affirmative.

Art: 4.

'Tis agreed that there be a Correspondence between the Presbytry in the North and that in Dublin, in order to the fixing the time of the Ordination of any such Candidate of theirs as aforesaid, which Ordination shall not be deferr'd above six weeks after the first notice giv'n from the Presbytry in the North to that of Dublin, together with the declaration subjoyn'd to the article, which declaration is as follows:—

'Tis hereby declar'd, that as these Heads of Agreement, when confirm'd by those from whom we are Comissioned, are to be observ'd for the future in order to mutual amity and concord, so it's not the intention of the Commission^{rs}, on either part, that the relation which any Minister or Congregation in Dublin bears to the North should be hereby dissolv'd or prejudic'd, or they hindred from acting pursuant to such relation as formerly. This declaration being observ'd, the Brethren in Dublin will freely concurr in the Ordination of such Ministers in Dublin as are subject to the North.

The Question was put—whether the said article and declaration be approv'd by us or not? and it was carry'd in the affirmative.

It being mov'd that an additional clause should be made on those words—5. That such members of a Northern Presbytry as shall live in Dublin shall be allow'd by the Presbytry of Dublin to sit and vote in the said Presbytry, in all matters that come before them. The Question being put—agree to this or not? it was carry'd agree, *nem: contradic*:

The affair of Mr Sinclar and Plunketstreet being resum'd, we came to think of prudent measures, according to our resolution at our last Sederunt, for setling Plunketstreet, and falling upon such expedients as may preserve the peace of that Congregation; and, therefore, we have come to the following resolutions:—

1. That this Interloq^{r} will, upon the good report they hear of Mr James Wood, cheerfully concurr with a Call from Plunketstreet to him, Provided the said Call, and all things relating thereunto, be manag'd according to the articles of Dundalk agreed to by us.

2. That the Presbytry of Belfast shall write a letter to Mr Wood, inviting him to be their Probation^{r}, in order to his settlement in Plunketstreet in an orderly way.

3. That the Synod write a healing letter to the Session and Congregation of Plunketstreet, giving an accompt of our proceedings in their affair, shewing the reasonableness thereof, in order to their chearfull complyance; and that Mr James Kirkpatrick prepare a draught of the same and present it to this Synod.

4. That a letter be writ to the Presbytry of Dublin in answer to their's; a draught of which letter to be prepar'd by Mr Abernethy to be prsented to the Synod. The letters to Dublin Presbytry and Plunket-street are mention'd in the Synod Minuts. These letters are lodg'd with our records in the Clerk's hands.

The following Overtures from the Comittee of Overtures was read to the Interloqr:—

Method of asisting the French Congrgaōn in Dublin.

The Interloqr having comitted to the Comittee of Overtures to find ways and means how to make their resolutions effectual for granting some Supply to the French Congregation in Dublin, That Comittee therefore Overtur'd that each Minister, without any loss of time, intimate to his Session the Importance of this affair, and urge them, by the earnest recomendation of this Interloqr, to take the most prudent way they can for collecting in a private way from those members of their Several Congregations that are most liberally dispos'd, and best able; which charity for that pious use so collected, to be return'd within three moneths to Mr Isaac McCartney, to be transmitted to the said Congregation; and that, in the mean time, an affectionate and brotherly letter be written by this Synod in return to their letter written to us upon this subject. Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy to prepare this letter, and produce it here. Which Overture was approv'd.

Complaint being made that *Reg: Don:* is giv'n to some who have not a right to it, not having any Congregations within this Synod, this was consider'd by the Interloqr, who delay the further considration of that till next year.

Widows.

That due care be taken for support of Ministers' Widows, It was agreed that each Synod carefully provide for such widows as are within their Bounds.

One Fund for defraying our promises to weak Congregations.

A Motion being made, that there be but one General Fund, which may defray all our promises made for support of weak Congregations, yet, so as every Presbytry pay what arrears they owe to the severall Congregations in the former method till the date hereof,

That every Presbytry have their own Treasurer, who is to discount with the General Synod; which, being voted, was carry'd in the affirmative, by a great majority.

Athlone.

Ordered, that Mr Blair pay Twenty pound to Major Handcock for the use of Athlone.

Galway.

Ordered, that Mr Nathaniel Orr be pay'd by Mr Blair Twenty pound, due at Lamas last, assistance promist to Galway.

Synod's fixt Comittee.

The Members of the fixt Comittee appointed by last Synod to consider the Emergent affairs of this Church not having been call'd, they are continu'd to be members of a Comittee of this present Synod, with the same power and for the same ends as the former Committee was appointed, except in the affair of Derry not comitted to them.

Diverse Overtures being propos'd to us for the payment of our debts, and preserving the Credit of our promises for the Insueing year; which were read, and agreed to.

Whereas, the Congregation of Plunketstreet have been desirous to

be disjoyn'd from the Presbytry of Belfast, insisting principally on this reason—that they are so far distant from the Seat of that Presbytry that they can very seldom attend it, nor reap any benefit from their relation to that Presbytry.

Scheme of a new Presbytry to be considred.

Therefore, and for the conveniency of the several other Congregations in the neighbourhood of Dublin, far now from the ordinary places of their Presbytry's meeting, It is Overtur'd that there be a new Erected Presbytry at Tara-hill, consisting of the following Congregations, viz:—Capelstreet and Plunketstreet in Dublin, Drogheda, Edenderry, Sumerhill, Breaky, Athlone; which Scheme being considred, this was recomended to the consideration of the severall Presbytrys till next Synod.

The Interloq^r^ had no time to enquire into Mr Nathaniel Orr's dimission of his Charge at Galway, and therefore refer it to next Synod.

The Overture from the Comission^rs^ met at Dundalk, Aug^t^, 1710, for a General Comittee from all the Presbrys in the North and South, which is as follows:—

An Overture for a Comittee from the several Presbytrys, both in the North and South of Ireland.

The Ends of the said Comittee are to consult and agree in such common measures as may be thought necessary for the preservation and enlargement of our comon Interest as Protestant Dissenters.

That Each Presbytry in the North appoint two members to make up the said Comittee; and the Presbytrys of the South, each of 'em three; and that fourteen of the whole be a Quorum.

That in all Sudden Emergencys that require some present effectual measures to be taken and pursu'd, the Comittee be fully empower'd to act in the name and behalf of those they represent; But, in all cases that will admit of delay, they be oblig'd to lay the resolutions they come to before those by whom they are Comissioned, in order to their approbation.

That no Measures or Resolutions of any moment shall pe pursu'd and put in execution but such as are approv'd by at least two thirds of the Members present of the said Comittee.

That, whereas, in this present Comittee now met at Dundalk, there has been some proposal of a project of a national Synod, it's thought fitt that the said Comittee should take that proposal under their considration, and endeavour to bring it to some maturity for the further considration of the several Presbytrys in the North and South.

That Dublin be the place of Meeting for the said Comittee, and the Presbytry of Dublin have the power of calling the said Comittee.

Whereas our Circumstances may require the meeting of such a Comittee before the next General Synod of Ulster,

Therefore we Overture that in that case the Comittee already appointed by the said Synod do meet at Dublin, and that three Members from each Presbytry in the South be added to the said Comittee, as members of a comon Comittee, to consider of the several Emergents occasioning their Meeting. And, whereas, the place for the Meeting

of the Synod's Comittee is appointed to be at Belfast, we humbly Overture all the Presbytrys may be pleas'd to agree to the alteration of the place to Dublin, seeing the occasion on which it's suppos'd to be call'd is so urgent, and the addition of members from the South not foreseen when the aforesaid place was appointed; notwithstanding whereof, the said Synod's Comittee if call'd at any time by themselvs, observe their own proper place of meeting, and that each Presbytry from their first Sederunt signify their judgment in this matter to Mr Iredell to be comunicated.

To which Overture the Presbytry of Dublin sent to this Synod the following amendment:—['Tis declar'd that the sense of the first Article in the proposal of a Comittee be so taken that the Presbytrys of Dublin and of the South are not limited to the number of the Comissionrs therein mention'd]. Dublin further added:—[It's unanimously agreed that the proposal of a Comittee in general be accepted]. Which amendment was now read, consider'd, and approv'd, with an addition of the following amendment on our part, viz:—That the Presbytrys in the North shall not be limited to the number of Members mention'd in the said Overture, and the Quorum of the said Comittee be fifteen. Dublin amendment. The Synod's amendment.

Mr Thomas Anderson, of Edenderry, was appointed five pound out of what is in Mr Blair's hand.

Ordered by the Interloqr of this Synod, that the Presbytry of Derry, or any member or members, or any other person under their Inspection, having their Collection for the public Fund, do forthwith, or with the first conveniency, pay to Mr Samuel Henry or his ordr the sum of Ten pound sterling out of their Quota for said Fund; and his receit of the same shall be their acquittance for the year 1710 for so much. Also, it was ordred by said Interloqr, that the said Presbytry pay to Mr Samuel Henry Ten pound for the year 1711, out of the like Collections. Ordered by said Interloqr, that the Presbytry of Derry pay, out of their public Collections for the Fund, to Mr James Wallace, of Moy-water, one pound for the year 1710; and that the Presbytry of Convoy pay to the said Mr Wallace the sum of fourteen pound sterling, due to him out of the public Fund for the year 1710. Ordred also, that they pay him, for the year 1711, before June, 1712, the sum of fifteen pound, and that they take his acquittance for the same, and the same will satisfy us. Derry Presbry pay to Mr Sam: Henry. Derry pay 1 0 0 to Mr Wallace. Convoy pay 29: to Mr Wallace.

Several Overtures being prsented (as after mention'd) for the better regulating our Fund, were approv'd, and a letter ordred to be writ to the Prebyry of Derry to stir 'em up to diligence. Mr James Bruce and Mr Hugh Ramsey are appointed to write the said letter.

This Synod promises Twelve pound ℔ ann: to LoghGall Congrgation. LoghGall.

Mr Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Robert Craghead were appointed to prepare the draught of an address to the Duke of Ormond, Lord Lieut, upon his arrival, and to present it to next Sederunt of this Interloqr.

The draught of an address to the Duke of Ormond was read; and with amendments, agreed to. Mr Craghead is to carry it to Dublin. Address the Duke of Ormond Ld Lieut.

Mr Craford, our Clerk, is appointed to give order for all money appointed by this Interloqr, to be pay'd by Mr Blair.

Publick Fast. An Overture was propos'd for appointing a publick Fast in all our Congrgations. The Question was put—appoint now or recomend it to the Presbytrys to appoint within their own respective bounds? and it was carry'd, recomend.

Report of the Comittee for the Fund, how much and to whom each of our nine Prēsbrys is to pay, as follows.—

Belfast Synod to pay £105 0 0, thus:

Belfast Prēsbry to pay	42	10	–
Antrim Prēsbry to pay	31	5	–
Down Prēsbry to pay	31	5	–
	£105	0	0

Monaghan Synod to pay £85 0 0, thus:

Ardmagh Prēsbry to pay..	33	–	–
Monahan Prēsbry to pay	30	10	–
Tyrone Prēsbry to pay	21	10	–
	£85	–	–

Derry Synod to pay £85, thus:

Derry Prēsbry to pay	42	0	0
Rout Prēsbry to pay	21	10	0
Convoy Prbry to pay	21	10	0
	£85	0	–

What is applotted on the three Synods is £275.

Payments of the said 275:—

Belfast Synod.

Belfast Prēbry pays to Drogheda	£40	–	–
to Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick ..	2	10	–
	42	10	–
Antrim Prēbry pays to Mr Fulk Whyte ..	10	–	–
to Moyra	6	5	–
to Edenderry	15	–	–
	31	5	0
Down Prēbry pays to Moyra	3	15	–
to VenniCash	9	–	–
to Kirkdoñald	4	–	–
to Galway	14	10	–
	31	5	–

MONAGHAN SYNOD.

Monagh: Prbry pays to Galway	5	10	–
to Golan	10	–	–
to Eniskilling ..	15	–	–
	30	10	–
Ardmagh Prbry pays to Lurgan	20	–	–
to Droheda Hous: ..	13	–	–
	33	–	–
Tyrone Prbry pays to Dundalk	10	–	–
to Badony	4	10	–
to Dda M:house ..	7	–	–
	21	10	–

DERRY SYNOD.

Derry Prēbry pays to Slego	10	0	0
to Golan	20	–	–
Debt to Da	12	–	–
	42	–	–
Convoy Prbry pays to Moywater	15	–	–
Stranorlan	6	10	–
	21	10	0
Rout Prbry pays Debt to Mr Whyt ..	2	10	0
to Athlone	10	–	–
to Mr Stuart of Glen ..	9	–	–
	21	10	0

Extractd ℘ AND: CRAFORD, Cl: Syn: Gll.

At a General Synod held at Belfast, June 17, 1712.

Mr Archbald Macclane, former Moderator, open'd this Synod by preaching on John 12 : 26, and, after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Elders of this General Synod :— Sess: 1a. *Die Martis.*

ARDMAGH PRESBYTRY.

Ministers.	Elders.
Mrs Archbald Macclane	Ja: M Clure
Jo: Hutcheson	Ja: Johnston

Ministers.	Elders.
Alex: Colvill	Mr Jo: McGill
Jo: Wilson	
Geo: Lang	Ja: McKubbin
Sam: Young	Jo: Smith
Gilbert Kennedy	Will: Ker
Ja: Fleming	Ja: Dugan
Rob: Rainey	Ja: Ballentyne
Ja: Johnston	Jo: Allison
Will: McKay	
Ja: Moor	Mr Rob: McMullen
Rob: Gordon	Wm McCullogh
Tho: Anderson	
Hugh Henry	

MONAGHAN PRESBYTRY.

M-rs Rob: Colthart	
Jo: McGachine	
Umphry Thompson	Jo: Sloan
Ja: Tate	Jo: Ferys
Alexr Fleming	Hector Allen
Josias Cornwall	Mr Metch
Samuel McGachine	Alexr Lawson

COLERAIN PRESBYTRY.

M-rs Ja: Stewart	
Ja: Woodsyd	
Ja: McGrigor	Moses Dunlop
Rob: Neilson	
Rob: Haltridg	Archd Stirling
Hen: Neil	Ja: Morison
Will: Boyd	
Alex: Orr	Wm Moor
Rob: Higginbotham	Mr Jo: Galt

DERRY PRESBYTRY.

M-rs Tho: Harvey	
And: Ferguson	
Jo: Harvey	
Tho: Winsley	
David Wilson	Rob: Hopkin
Jo: Stirling	
Will: Gray	Mr Jo: Lindsay
Hans Stewart	
Jo: Ball	Wm Stephenson

CONVOY PRESBYTRY.

Ministers.	Elders.
Mr Will: Holmes, Senr	Mr Brodly
Sam: Henry	
Will: Holmes, Junr	Rob: Watson
Sam: Dunlop	
Cha: Lynd	
Rob: Wilson	

DOWN PRESBRY.

Ministers.	Elders.
Mr Ja: Bruce	Will: Watson
Jo: Gawdy	
Hen: Hamilton	Ja: Kenedy
Jo: Mairs	Jo: Moor
Tho: Orr	Ja: Orr
Ja: McAlpin	
Sam: Shenan	
Will: Biggar	Mr Blackwood
Will: Smith	Jo: McMurray
Ja: Reid	Mr Hu: Wallace
Hugh Ramsey	Mr Hu: Marshall
Archd Dickson	Jo: Mains
Tho: Nivin	Geo: Ga.

BELFAST PRĒBRY.

Mr Malcom	Jo: Crooks
Alex: Sinclar	Mr Geo: Metcalf
Fra: Iredell	Mr Pat: Campbell
And: Craford	Mr Ja: Martin
Ja: Kirkpatrick	Mr Rob: Andrew
Ja: Cobham	Jo: Horsbrugh
Pat: Adair	Rob: Craford
Rob: Sinclar	Rob: Holmes
Tho: Gowan	Arth: Maxwel, Esqr
Cha: Seton	Ja: Bety
Ja: Stewart	David Kennedy
Ja: Blair	Wm Moor
Rob: Craghead	
Richd Choppin	
Mich: Bruce	David Blakeley

ANTRIM PRĒBRY.

Ministers.	Elders.
Mr Jo: Campbell	Jo: Allen
Fulk Whyte	Jo: McElwayne

Ministers.	Elders.
Will: Taylor	And: Lorimer
Stafford Pettigrew	Will: Wilson
Will: Leech	Rob: Smith
Will: Ogilvie	Ja: Lyle
Alex^{r} Brown	Jo: Bones
Jo: Abernethy	Wm Shaw, Esqr
Cha: Masterton	Sam: Parker
Will: Livingston	Clot: Upton, Esqr
Ja: Crichton	
Tho: Shaw	Jo: Wyly
Tho: Wilson	Jo: Millar

TYRONE PRĒBRY.

M^{r} Jo: Thomb	Ja: Henry
Baptist Boyd	Fran: Bell
Henry Crooks	Wm Weir
Ja: Maxwel	Jo: Horsbrugh
Tho: Kenedy, Junr	Ja: Stephenson
Jo: McClave	Alex: Knox
Arch^{d} Boyd	Ja: Murdogh
Tho: Mulligan	Wm Dunlop
David Thomb	Jo: Bryson
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The former Modrator, desiring a new Modrator may be chosen, gave a Leet of the following Ministers, viz:—Mr Whyte, Mr Colvill, Mr Crooks, Mr John Harvey, Mr Malcom, M^{r} McGrigor, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Hamilton, Mr Abernethy, Mr John McGachine. Every of these Brethren being heard their reasons why they should not be chosen, and, having giv'n their vote, remov'd, the Roll being call'd,

Moderator Chosen.

Mr James Kirkpatrick was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator.

Clerk continu'd

And: Craford was continu'd Clerk. He was allow'd assistants. Mr Brown & Mr Gowan were nam'd by him, which nomination was approv'd by us.

Comittees.

For the more Orderly and expeditious management of Synodical business, this Synod appointed three Comittees—one for Overtures, one for Bills, and one for Revising Sub-Synod Books.

The several Prēsbrys are to return to our Clerk in write, at our next Seder^{t}, the names of such of their own number whom they desire to be members of the said Comittees.

Rules to be observ'd.

The Modrator recomended to all the Members punctually to observe our rules for preserving order and dispatch of Synodical Business.

Then we adjourn'd till Eleven of the Clock to morrow morning.

All the Ministers and Elders are to meet in an Interloqr in the New Meeting house immediately after this Sederunt.

This Sederunt was concluded by prayer.

Die Mercur: horâ undecima ante Merid: Sess: 2a.

After Prayer, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

The several Prēbrys, according to appointment, return'd the names of Ministers and Elders, Members of the aforesaid Comittees:—

For the Comittee of Overtures.

Comittee of Overtures.

From Ardmagh ..Mr McClane, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Sam: Young, Mr Ja: Johnston, Ministers.
Jo: McGill, Ja: Johnston, Elders.

From Monaghan..Mr Jo: McGachine, Mr Thompson, Ministers.
Jo: Ferys, Elder.

From Colerain ..Mr Woodsyd, Mr Neilson, Mr McGrigor, Ministers.
Moses Dunlop, Elder.

From Derry ..Mr David Wilson, Mr Jo: Stirling, Mr Will: Gray, Ministers.
Mr John Lindsay, Elder.

From Convoy ..Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Cha: Lynd, Ministers.
Mr Brodly, Elder.

From Down ..Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Ja: Reid, Ministers.
Hugh Wallace, George Ga, Elders.

From Belfast ..Mr Malcom, Mr Alex: Sinclar, Mr Craghead, Mr Gowan, Ministers.
Arthur Maxwel, Esqr, Pat: Campbell, Elders.

From Antrim ..Mr Jo: Campbell, Mr Whyte, Mr Ogilvie, Mr Wilson, Ministers.
And: Lorimer, Jo: Wyly, Will: Wilson, Jo: McElwayn, Elders.

From Tyrone ..Mr Jo: Thomb, Mr Keñedy, Junr, Mr Jo: McClave, Ministers.
Ja: Stephenson, Alex: Knox, Elders.

The Moderator to be in this Comittee.

To meet in the Vestry of the New Meeting House.

For the Comittee of Bills.

Comittee of Bills.

From Ardmagh ..Mr Colvill, Mr Keñedy, Mr Ja: Fleming, Mr Anderson, Mr Gordon, Ministers.
Ja: Ballentyne, Elder.

From Monaghan . . Mr Colthart, Mr Tate, Mr Alex: Fleming, Ministers.
Mr Metch, Elder.

From Colerain . . Mr Stewart, Mr Haltridg, Mr Neil, Ministers.
Archd Stirling, Wm Moor, Elders.

From Derry . . Mr Jo: Harvey, Mr Winsley, Mr Hans Stewart, Ministers.
Willm Stephenson, Elder.

From Convoy . . Mr Sam: Henry, Mr Holmes, Junr, Ministers.

From Down . . Mr Biggar, Mr Smith, Mr McAlpin, Mr Nivin, Ministers.
Mr Blackwood, Will: Watson, Elders.

From Belfast . . Mr Cobham, Mr Blair, Mr Stewart, Ministers.
Will: Moor, Elder.

From Antrim . . Mr Taylor, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Masterton, Mr Brown, Ministers.
Clot: Upton, Will: Shaw, Esqrs, Jo: Allen, Sam: Parker, Elders.

From Tyrone . . Mr Crooks, Mr Archd Boyd, Ministers.
Fra: Bell, Ja: Henry, Elders.

To meet in the Vestry of the old Meeting House.

For the Committee for Revising Sub-Synod Books.

Comittee for Revising Sub-Synod Books.

From Ardmagh . . Mr Geo: Lang, Mr Rainey, Mr McKay, Mr Moor, Ministers.

From Monahan . . Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Sam: McGahy, Ministers.
Alexr Lawson, Elder.

From Colerain . . Mr Alex: Orr, Mr Rob: Higginbotham, Mr Will: Boyd, Ministers.
Jam: Morison, Eldr.

From Derry . . Mr Tho: Harvey, Mr Ball, Ministers.
Rob: Hopkin, Elder.

From Convoy . . Mr Sam: Dunlop, Mr Rob: Wilson, Ministers.

From Down . . Mr Gawdy, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sheñan, Mr Ramsey, Mr Dickson, Ministers.
Ja: Keñedy, Jo: Murray, Eldrs

From Belfast . . Mr Adair, Mr Sinclar, Mr Seton, Mr Bruce, Ministers.
Mr Rob: Andrew, Ja: Bety, Eldrs.

From Antrim . . Mr Leech, Mr Abernethy, Mr Liviston, Mr Crichton, Mr Shaw, Ministers.
Rob: Smith, Jo: Bones, Jo: Millar, Elders.

From Tyrone . . Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Tho: Mulligan, Mr David Thomb, Ministers.

To meet in the New Meeting house of Belfast, to subdivide

themselvs for revising the Books of the respective particular Synods. The books to be now deliver'd to the said Comittee.

All the Comittees were appointed to meet at four of the clock *a merid:*

Then the Synod appointed next Session of this Synod to be at six of the clock at night.

This Seder^t was concluded by pray^r.

Die Mercur: horâ sexta a merid: After pray^r, Roll being call'd, Sess: 3a.

Sederunt qui supra.

A Reference from the Prēsbyry of Antrim, concerning the Transportation of Mr Jo^n Abernethy from Antrim to L-Derry, being laid before this Synod by the Comittee of Bills, the Minut of the said Prēsbry, referring that affair to this Synod, was read; whereupon parties were call'd. Derry and Antrim.

From Londonderry appear'd Aldrman Leckey, Aldrman Lenox, Aldrman Macky, Aldrman Davy, Mr Joseph Morison, and Mr John Lenox; whose Comission was read and sustain'd.

From Antrim appear'd William Shaw, Esqr, Mr John Shaw, Mr Patrick Shaw, with many others Com^rs; whose Comission was also read and sustain'd.

Then a Minut from the Presbytry of Antrim, shewing that a Call from the Congregation of Derry to Mr John Abernethy was laid before 'em in the Month of February last, was read.

Then the Call it self, and the reasons for the Transportation, and the answers to the said reasons from the congregation of Antrim, were read.

Then the Com^rs from Derry presented a Supplication to this Synod, praying that the said Transportation may be granted. Mr Abernethy and the Com^rs from Antrim desir'd that if the aforesaid Supplication contain'd any new matter which had not been laid before the Prēsbry of Antrim, it might not be read.

The Com^rs of Derry alledg'd it was only an Explication of their reasons for the transportation. The Comittee of Bills offer'd their humble opinion that it ought to be read, and that some reasonable time be granted to the Com^rs of Antrim to reply to it, in case the Synod shall judge it to contain new matter; whose opinion being approv'd by this Synod, the above Paper was read. Com^rs from each with reference to M^r Jo: Abernethy in Antrim.

The Com^rs from Antrim presented a Supplication, praying that their Minister may be continu'd with them, which was read.

Whereas, the Com^rs from Derry alledg that there is new matter in the above Supplication from Antrim, and the Com^rs from Antrim do alledg that there is new matter in the Supplication from Derry; and, therefore, both have mov'd that they may have time till next Sederunt of this Synod to give in their several answers to these respective supplications: this Synod grants their desire.

Order'd, that leave be given to the Com̄rs on both sides to offer to the Interloqr what further they think convenient.

Ord'red, that these papers now giv'n to Antrim and Derry Com̄rs be return'd to our Clerk to morrow morning.

Order'd, upon a Motion from the Prēsbry of Monaghan, that the Correspondents appointed by last Synod to joyn with that Prēsbyry in the tryall of Mr Robert Darroch, do meet with that Prēsbry at Seven of the clock to morrow morning in the New Meeting House, in order to their preparing that affair to be brought in before the Synod.

Then we adjourn'd till Ten a clock to morrow morning, at which time we will proceed on this affair of Antrim and Derry. The Interloquitur to meet at Eight a clock. The Com̄ittee of Overtures to meet immediately after this Sederunt.

This Session was concluded by Prayr.

Sess: 4a. *Die Jovis hora decima ante Merid:* After prayr, Roll being call'd,

Sederunt qui supra.

Antrim, Derry. The affair in dependance between Antrim and Derry being resum'd according to order, the respective Supplications were return'd to this Synod; and the Interloqr report they heard said parties according to order of last Session.

Order'd, that the reasons for the Transportation of Mr Abernethy from Antrim to Derry, and Antrim answers thereunto, be alternately read; Likewise Derry Supplication with Antrim remarks thereupon, and Antrim Supplication with Derry remarks thereupon be read; all which was accordingly done.

The Moderator did shew that he has a letter from my Ld Massereene to be com̄unicated to this Synod, which was read, signifying His Ldsp's great desire that Mr Abernethy be continu'd in Antrim.

Clotworthy Upton, Esqr desir'd to be heard, and told the Synod that the Ld Massereen sent for him on Tuesday was sevenight and did signify to him that he would give all opposition to that Intended Transportation of Mr Abernethy from Antrim to Derry; that Antrim and Mr Abernethy are sensible of his kindness, therefore doth believe the Synod will not disoblige him by transporting Mr Abernethy from Antrim.

The Commissionrs were askt if they have anything further to add? The Commrs from Derry answer'd, that they refer to their papers, and add that it's their great desire that the services of Derry in the late happy revolution may not be diminutively thought upon; that they well believe this transportation is for the greater good of the Church. They doubt not but the Synod will regard that Important place.

The Commrs from Antrim were askt if they have to add. They answer'd that they refer to their papers, and hope the Synod will not loose that relation between Mr Abernethy and them, seeing their affections are so greatly and deservedly united to him.

Mr Abernethy was askt if he have to speak upon the subject.

He expresst himself as follows:—That he gave his reasons to the Prēsbry of Antrim why he could not accept Derry Call, to which reasons he now adheres; he did signify the great evidence of affection Antrim has demonstrated to him; that gratitude would oblige him to continue with 'em; that he has work enough in Antrim, and to remove him to Derry, which is said to be a more weighty charge, would be insuperable to him: for all which and more he might add, he hopes the Synod will not transport him from Antrim to Derry. He expresst his concern for Derry, and desir'd that deserving people may be soon replanted. All parties being remov'd, The Synod having seriously reason'd upon the whole matter, and, after calling on God for light in this important business, the Comm^rs from Antrim and Derry being call'd in to joyn in prayer; after prayer, the Comm^rs being again remov'd, the state of the Vote was—whether transport Mr John Abernethy from Antrim to Derry or Not? It was carry'd, by a great Majority, not transport. Not transport Mr Abernethy from Antrim to Derry.

The Moderat^r was appointed to signify to the parties when call'd in, viz:—That this Synod will take all due care of the Congregation of Derry, and ev'n at this Synod, so far as it's consistent with our rules, that they may be comfortably and speedily replanted with a Gospell Minister as soon as we can; and to the Comm^rs of Antrim, seing their Minister, Mr Abernethy, is continu'd with 'em, that people would endeavour to improve that mercy. Parties being call'd, the Synod's conclusion was intimated to 'em, and the Moderator deliver'd (according to appointment) to the respective Comm^rs.

Then we adjourn'd till Six of the clock at night. The Interloq^r of the Ministers to meet at four a clock in the New Meeting house.

This Sederunt was concluded by pray^r.

Die Jovis horâ sexta a merid: After Prayer, Roll being call'd, Sess: 5a.

Sederunt qui supra.

Absents from last Synod and now excus'd, for their reasons giv'n:—Mr James Maxwel, Mr Charles Lynd. Absents from last Synod excus'd.

Absents from this Synod, and excus'd by their letters and report made by their Brethren:—Mr Charles Wallace, Mr Moses Cherrie, Mr Will: Ambrose, M^r Jo: Lee, Mr Will: Cornwall, Mr Sam: Dunlop, Mr Matthew Clark, Mr Thomas Stirling, Mr Will: Howston, Mr Neil Gray, Mr Rob: Campbell, Mr Sam: Hallyday, Mr Seth Drummond, Mr Francis Laird, Mr Alex^r McCracken, Mr James Wallace, Mr John Dunlop, Mr John McBride, Mr John Frieland, Mr Alex^r McCracken, Mr John Riddell, Mr Tho: Futt, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Senr, M^r Jo: Boyd. Absents from this Synod excus'd.

Absents from this Synod not excus'd:—Mr Will: Hair, M^r Jo: Maior, Mr Thomas Craghead, Mr David Ferly, Mr Nathl Orr. Absents from this Synod not excus'd.

Dead since last Synod:—Mr Alex^r Hutcheson, in Novemb^r 11th, 1711; Mr Robert Leckey, July, 1711; Mr Hugh Kilpatrick, April 1, 1712; Mr Rob: Craghead, Senr, Augt 22, 1711; Mr Rob: Drummond, June 8, 1712. Dead since last Synod.

Ordain'd since last Synod.

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Down Prēsbry ordain'd Mr Tho: Nivin at Down Patrick, Novemb 20, 1711; Belfast Prēsbry ordain'd Mr Michael Bruce at Holywood, October 10, 1711; Tyrone Prēsbry ordain'd Mr David Thomb at Coagh, October 17, 1711.

Entred on Tryalls in order to Licensing.

Entred on Tryalls in order to Licensing to preach the Gospell.

Down Prēsbry have entred on Tryalls in order to Licensing, Mr Rob: Walker, Mr Francis MontGomrie, Mr Ja: Orr, Mr Ja: Hamilton; Belfast Prēsbry have also entred Mr Nehemiah Doñaldson, Mr Francis Ross; Colrain Prēsbry have also entred Mr Robert Howston, Mr Robert Sturgeon; Derry Prēsbry have also entred Mr Victor Ferguson; Convoy Prēsbry have also entred Mr William Blair; Ardmagh Prēsbry have also entred Mr John Thompson.

Licens'd since the last Synod.

Licens'd since last Synod.

Derry Prēsbry have licens'd Mr Ja: Cochren, Mr Ja: Hillhouse; Antrim Prēsbry have licens'd Mr John McDowell.

Entred on Tryalls in order to Ordination.

Entred on Tryalls in order to Ordination.

Monaghan Prēsbry have entred on Second Tryalls, or Tryalls in order to Ordination, Mr Robert Rutherford [Thomson]; Ardmagh Prēsbry have also entred Mr Hugh Wallace.

To be entred on first Tryalls, or Tryalls in order to Licensing.

To be entred on first Tryalls.

Belfast Prēsbry, to enter on first Tryalls Mr Alexr Woods, Mr Thomas Cobham.

It was publish'd in open Synod, if any Member of this Synod know anything why the aforesaid persons may not proceed, the Prēsbyrys under whose oversight such young men are shall be advertis'd seasonably.

Mr Alexr Reid having produc'd his Testimonials, with the Extract of his Licence by the Prēsbry of Haddington, in N: Britain, at last Synod, is receiv'd into the Prēsbry of Ardmagh.

Accott of Synod Book.

The Comittee for revising Synod Books made report that they have receiv'd Belfast and Monahan Synod books, but the book of Derry Synod (as they're inform'd) was by a mistake sent to Convoy Prēsbry, as Mr Gray, Clerk of that Synod, told this Synod now. It was order'd that Mr Lynd, a Member of Convoy Prēsbry, make Enquiry for that Synod book, and transmit it when got to Mr Gray, that it may be brought to next Synod, at which time it shall be revis'd.

Sumer-hill supply'd.

Summar-hill was supply'd according to appointment.

Questions at Ordination.

Enquiry being made whether the Questions at Ordinations, which were read at last Synod, have been sent, according to appointment, to the several Prēbrys, M Craford made report that he not having

receiv'd from Mr Kirkpatrick (as was appointed), he did not send them. The appointment was renew'd, vizt :—That Mr Kirkpatrick give the Questions at Ordination, read at our last Synod, to Mr Craford, our Clerk, who is to transmit a Copy thereof to each of our Prēsbrys.

Mr Rob: Darroch of Monahan suspended by last Synod.

The affair relating to Mr Robert Darroch having been consider'd by last Synod, who unanimously suspended him from the Exercise of his Ministry in all its parts, and appointed Mr James Blair of Moyra to go to Monahan, and, after Sermon, to intimate to that Congregation the Suspension of Mr Darroch. Also Ministers and Probationers were appointed to supply that Congregation with preaching till the then ensueing Prēbry of Monahan. The said Synod also appointed the Prēsbry of Monahan, with Correspondents from the Prēsbrys of Belfast and Derry Synods, approv'd by the said Synod, to meet in Monahan for discussing a *fama clamosa* concerning the said Mr Darroch, with a power to adjourn themselvs from time to time and from place to place for getting further light in that affair; report of all which was to be made to this Synod.

Mr Blair did intimate the Suspension.

Mr Blair was askt if he, according to appointment of last Synod, did preach at Monahan, and intimate the Suspension of Mr Darroch. He answer'd that he obey'd the appointment.

Supplys to Monahan perform'd by the appointed.

It was again ask'd if the Congregation of Monahan was Supply'd with preaching, by the Ministers and Probationrs, according to appointment of last Synod. That Minut being read, Monahan Prēsbry answer'd that the Ministers who were appointed to Supply obey'd the appointment; but Mr David Thomb and Mr John Campbell, Probationrs, did not perform what the Synod appointed 'em. They were now excus'd for their reasons giv'n.

The Prēbry of Monahan fram'd the Lybell.

Then Enquiry was made whether Monahan Prēsbry had fram'd a Lybell upon the Matter of a *Fama clamosa* against Mr Darroch, and whether they, with the Correspondents, had met to judge the said Lybell, and what was the issue of the same. The Prēbry of Monahan produc'd their Records, whereby this Synod understands that the Prēsbry fram'd the Lybell, and that, with assistance of Several of the Correspondents, they met in October last, in the Town of Monahan, also in two several Prēsbrys in Augher, and examin'd the said Lybell, and referr'd the whole matter to this Synod.

This Synod observing, in hearing the Sederunt of Monahan Prēsbry read upon this affair, that the appointed number of Correspondts was not with that Prēsbry, neither in Monaghan nor Augher, it was Enquir'd of the Prēsbrys concern'd why the Correspondents did not obey the Synod's appointment, the names of those Correspondents appointed by last Synod being read.

The following Brethren appointed to correspond with the Prēsbry of Monahan, for discussing the *Fama clamosa* concerning Mr Darroch, were absent and excus'd, vizt :—Mr Jo: Mairs, Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Ja: Reid, Mr Will Ogilvie, Mr Ja: Crichton, Mr Ja: Woodsyd, and all the Elders that were absent.

The following Brethren were absent and not excus'd—Mr Jo: Harvey, Mr Tho: Craghead, Mr David Ferlie.

The Minuts of Monahan Prēsbry being read, whereby we find that affair of Mr Darroch is referr'd to this Synod,

Then we adjourn'd till Nine a clock to morrow morning.

This Session was concluded by prayr.

Sess: 6a.

Die Veneris horâ nona ante Merid: Roll call'd after prayr.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Interloqr report it as their opinion that the Synod now enter on Mr Darroch's affair.

The Interloqr report that, at the desire of Mr Darroch, they allow'd the following Ministers and Gentmen Elders to confer with him, viz:—Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr Will: Livingston, and Mr John Harvey, Ministers; with Clotworthy Upton, Arthur Maxwell, Esqrs, Mr John McGill and Mr Will: Moor, Ruling Elders, about the method of proceeding in his affair, but with this express caution, that these Ministers and Elders shall not enter upon the merits of the cause, nor do anything which may prepossess their judgment; and that it's the humble opinion of this Interloqr that this Synod do now enter upon the cognisance of Mr Darroch's affair. To which opinion this Synod doth agree, and thereupon call'd Mr Darroch, who now appears.

Then the Synod read the Minuts of the former Synod with relation to Mr Darroch. Then the report of the above Ministers and Elders was receiv'd, which is as follows:—

The Minrs & Gentmen report the conference Mr Darroch had with 'em.

Mr James Bruce, Mr Will: Livingston, and Mr John Harvey, with Clotworthy Upton, Arthur Maxwel, Esqrs, Mr McGill, and Mr Moor, who were allow'd to confer with Mr Darroch, on his desire, made report that they heard Mr Darroch make severall allegations of Grievances, which they advis'd him to tell to the Synod, in the method of his Tryall; that he desir'd to know whether the Synod would try him in open Synod, or by a Select Comittee; to which they reply'd that they could not tell him the Synod's mind, but promist to report to the Synod what he desir'd to know in that matter. He further said that he had several Secrets, which he not thinking proper for open Synod, would comunicate to 'em; but, seeing he found they were restricted from giving him advice, and that they were resolv'd to report to the Synod, he said he had as good tell it to the Synod himself; the truth of which report Mr Darroch acknowledges.

Mr Darroch narrates his Grievances.

Mr Darroch desir'd liberty to speak, which was granted, and he spake to the following effect:—He said that he was concern'd that he should be the occasion of so much trouble to this judicatry; that he is sensible he is not innocent of some things laid to his charge, yet is not guilty of all that was said against him—he would not descend to particulars; that there were diverse particulars in the Prēsbry of Monahan, from which he was sensible of a design against him in that Prēsbry and also against his Congregation, that some might propose to have some of their freinds fixt there. He apprehends that his Suspension by the last Gen: Synod was not according to the Word of God; that the Prēsbry and Synod of Monahan should have been try'd on their conduct in this affair, which was not done; that he fully obey'd the Synod's Act in Suspending him, during the time of that Suspension did exercise

noe part of his Ministerial Office, not so much as to baptise a child in a family, nor catechise his own Servants, lest he should give offence; that Christ's rule in the Gospell toward an offending brother was not observ'd with reference to him.

Then he gave a Narrative of what related to his declinature and Suspension; that Mr John Hutcheson charg'd him with a confederacy with Justices of the Peace, Clergy of the Establisht Church; that Mr John McGachine accus'd him of a combination with his own Congregation. His Tryall was to be by the Prēsbry of Monahan with Correspondents; that he desir'd a Sight of the Lybell fram'd against him, that he might know whether he had anything to object, but this was refus'd him. They told him if anything were wrong in the Lybell they were accountable to a superior judicatry, and if any were any failure the gain would be his; and in his Tryall there were but Ten Correspondents, whereas there should have been twenty four; that the Prēsbry, with the Correspondents, saw fitt to go in the Tryall in the Vestry at Monahan Meeting house, and but two or three of his people to go in, but he would not allow the Tryall to go on but with open doors; and at Augher it was propos'd to him by the Prēsbry, with Correspondents, that he should repent of that whereof he is not guilty. He apprehends the Prēsbry and Synod of Monahan have prepossesst people by word or write, that they are already determin'd in his cause; that now he was refus'd the favour of conversing with unbyass'd Ministers and Gentlemen by the Instigation of Monahan Synod and Prēsbry; and that their conduct, it's fear'd, doth much disservice to some Congregations in the Upper Countrey. At last he declar'd himself not to be under the jurisdiction of this Synod, and that he could not in conscience submitt. Then he withdrew.

The Moderator declar'd, in name of this Synod, that this Assembly did not speak of Justices of Peace, Clergy of the Establish'd Church jurisdiction, with a design to reflect on any person, nor to pretend to jurisdiction in a legal sense, but only to a power of censuring their own Members for Immoralities.

The Modr declar'd this Assembly dos not pretend to power in a legal sense.

Then the Synod and Prēsbry of Monahan desir'd liberty to vindicate themselvs from thos Insinuating reflexions cast upon 'em by Mr Darroch in his preceeding discourse; which liberty was granted 'em.

Mon: Synod and Prēbry desire to vindicate themselvs.

The Synod appointed the Prēsbry of Monahan to read their Minuts, in pursuance of what was appointed by the late Gen: Synod for discussing the *Fama Clamosa* concerning Mr Darroch. Mr Ja: Tatte, Clerk to Monahan Prēsbyry, read that Synod's Minuts, that Prēsbyry's Minuts being first read in reference to that affair, and Mr John Wilson, Clerk to Monahan Synod, read that Synod's Minuts relative to the said affair; also the Lybell, consisting of several articles agt him, with the amendments of Monahan Prēsbry and Correspondents were read; likewise a long paper sent by Mr Darroch, giving reasons why he could not subject to them.

In reading those Minuts and Evidences of many famous witnesses, some Gentmen Evidences appear'd personally, declaring that they adher'd to their Evidences, and added they have several things in reserve

which could be added if necessary. Several Ministers and Gent^t^men said that these Evidences are men of undoubted reputation.

A Petiōn from part of Mon: Congregation to loose Mr Darroch's relation to 'em.

A motion being made that the Comission and Supplication of that part of the Congregation of Monahan who have declin'd to adhere to Mr Darroch might be read, it was allow'd. The Supplication was read, shewing it's their earnest pray^r^ to this Synod that Mr Darroch's relation to 'em may be loos'd. Their reasons of the desire are contain'd in the Supplication. They represented the deplorable circumstances of the Congregation of Monahan under their present Grievances and difficulties.

The Prēsbry of Monahan having obtain'd liberty to vindicate themselvs from the aforesaid aspersions, they alledg industriously cast on them by Mr Darroch, Mr John M^c^Gachine obtain'd leave to speak in name of the Prēsbry, and made the following defenses:—

In reference to what Mr Darroch suggested about designs of the Prēbry of Monahan against him, the Ministers of that Prēsbry declar'd that they knew of noe unjust designs or combinations against him, and, to confirm their own Innocence, that they were willing to take their Voluntary Oath.

Neither do they know or believe that any person hath any design upon his Congregation; and they farther assert that Mr Darroch himself deny'd before Mr Wilson (the person suspected by him to have such a design), that he had ever alledg'd any such thing.

They believe the late Synod are sufficiently able to vindicate the justice of their own Sentence against him, which he asserted to be against the Word of God.

That the Prēsbry of Monahan's conduct in Mr Darroch's affair was try'd and approv'd by the Synod of Monahan, their proper and immediate judges, and that the conduct of the Synod of Monahan was try'd and approv'd by the last General Synod at Belfast, upon the report of the Revisers of that Synod book.

They deny the truth of his allegation, viz.:—That he fully obey'd the Synod's Act in suspending him, during the time of that suspension; for the Gen: Synod having suspended him till the meeting of the Synod of Monahan, and Empower'd that Synod to continue or remove the said Sentence as they should see just cause; and the said Synod having found just cause to continue the said Suspension; Mr Darroch preach'd and exercis'd other parts of his Ministry notwithstanding of the said Sentence of Suspension continu'd as above, thô he forbare the exercizing of the same till the meeting of Monahan Synod.

That the Rules of Christ, with respect to an offending brother, were carefully observ'd in his case, both by the Prēsbry, who, at their Privy Censures and other occasions, reprov'd Mr Darroch for his indecent passion and intemperance, and also by some of his own people, who, in a friendly way, admonish'd him to guard against such practices.

That, not only M^r^ Jo: M^c^Gachine, but that whole Prēsbry, had very justly charg'd him of being in a combination with his own Congregation, to draw 'em into his Irregular practices; which is an article of their Lybell against him, and fully prov'd (as they believe), notwithstanding of his solemn asseveration to the contrary.

That the Apology for not shewing him the Lybell, at the time when he first desir'd to see it, which is own'd by himself being sufficient, they need to add nothing to it on that head, except that the said Lybell was deliver'd to him twenty days before the comenement of his Tryal, according to appointment of last Synod. The Defences made by the Prēbry and Synod of Monahan

That they were concern'd that of the Twenty-four Correspondents appointed to assist at his Tryall there were but Ten present; but they conceive that the last Gen: Synod, having not limited them to any Quorum, they had a full power to proceed, notwithstanding of so many of the said Correspondents being absent; and yet they were so cautious that they did not proceed to any sentence upon the Evidence giv'n before them, but referr'd the Issue to this Gen: Synod.

They confess, that for prudential reasons, which, they're confident, will be satisfying to this Synod, that after they had spent some days at their first Meeting in Monahan, in the said Tryall publickly in the Meeting-house, they thought it then more adviseable to manage the remaining part of it in the Vestry at Monahan Meeting-house, where not only two or three of his people, but as many of 'em as the house could conveniently hold, were allow'd to be present; and that the Generality of them all who attended there did very much approve that method, and several of them advis'd him to comply with it; and that therefore they look on it as very indecent in Mr Darroch to prescribe to his judges, and to refuse to be try'd by 'em, except in a mañer propos'd by himself, and especially when the Prēsbry and Correspondts offer'd to him that the whole proceedings in due time should be made as publick as his accusation had been. Being consider'd

That they never propos'd to him that he should repent of that whereof he was never guilty; but that he, being guilty of breaking his Ordination Vow by his not subjecting to his Brethren in the Lord, they urg'd him to express his sense of, and repentance for, that guilt, which he refus'd.

Both Synod and Prēbry of Monahan do utterly deny that they have prepossesst any member by word or write, as Mr Darroch alleges, and they believe it to be a groundless aspersion that they, or any member of this Synod, are already determin'd in his case.

The report of the Interloqr to this Synod proves him to be mistaken in his allegation—vizt, that he was refus'd the favour of conversing with unbyass'd Ministers and Gentmen, because the said favour was granted, and the persons he desir'd to confer with him, chosen by himself, which they apprehend to be a Condescension this Synod was under noe obligation to make to him, nor to any in his circumstance.

That they're not conscious to themselvs that their conduct hath been disserviceable to any Congregations in the Upper Countrey, as he alledges, but that they have, to the utmost of their power, endeavored to serve the Interest of all such congregations within their Bounds.

Besides the above defences made by the Prēbry and Synod of Monahan, Mr John Hutcheson answers to the accusation giv'n against him particularly, by denying Mr Darroch's allegation; but says that he was concern'd in drawing answers to the reasons of Mr Darroch's

declinature, in which he said that supposing Mr Darroch had, in concert with the Ministers of the Establisht Church, made a Confession of his Immoralities before his own Congregation, yet that would not Supersede the Inquiry of the Prēbry, or words to that effect.

The Prēbry of Monahan is vindicate from the aspersions cast on 'em by Mr Darroch; their diligence approv'd.

The Prēbry of Monahan, with Correspondents, being remov'd, the Synod considering deliberately what has been read and spoken on all hands, it was mov'd, and the motion was agreed to, that the following Question be put:—Whether the Prēbry of Monahan is sufficiently vindicate from the aspersions cast on 'em by Mr Darroch, and whether the diligence and faithfulness of the said Prēbry, with Correspondents, shall be approv'd in this affair? It was carried unanimously that the Prēbry of Monahan is sufficiently vindicated from those aspersions, as also their diligence and faithfulness in the affair fully approv'd. The Prēbry of Monahan being call'd in, this was Intimated to 'em.

The Synod of Monaghan's Minuts being read on this affair, and Members being heard on what was laid to their charge, that Synod being remov'd, this Synod having seriously consider'd the matter,

Monah: Synod vindicated & approv'd in refer: to Mr Darroch.

The Question was put—Whether vindicate and approve the Synod of Monahan in reference to Mr Darroch? It was carry'd, *nem: contradic:*, that the Synod of Monahan is vindicated and approv'd. That Synod being call'd in, this was intimated to 'em.

Order'd, that the further consideration of Mr Darroch's affair be referr'd till next Sederunt.

Derry supplicate for Monthly Supplys and a Comittee to determine in their case.

A Supplication by the Comittee of Bills from the Congregation of Derry, by Aldrman Lennox with others, desiring Monethly Supplys of Ordain'd Ministers to preach to 'em, also to catechize their people, and visit their Sick, and to assist at the administration of the Lord's Supper at such time as shall be concerted by the Prēsbry of Derry and that Session; likewise, to appoint a Comittee of Ministers and Elders to meet for determining finally, without appeal, a prosecution of a Transportation of such Ministers as they may agree to call.

The Supplication being read and consider'd, was, by a great majority, granted *in terminis*. The appointing the Supplys and membrs of the Comittee is referr'd till afternoon.

Adjourn'd till four of the clock, *a merid:*

This Session concluded by prayer.

Sess: 7a.

Die Ven:, horâ quarta a merid: After prayr, Roll being call'd,

Sederunt qui supra.

According to Order, the affair relating to Mr Darroch was resum'd. A Motion being made, that the Lybell exhibited by the Prēsbry of Monahan, with amendments thereunto made by the Prēsbry of Monahan, with Correspondents at Monahan, against Mr Darroch, shall be now consider'd, whether the particular articles contain'd in the said Lybell be fully prov'd, this Motion was agreed to.

And, whereas there are several general crimes charg'd upon Mr Darroch, such as drunkeness, quarrelling, Brawling, the Question was

put—Whether this Synod shall passe one general vote upon each of those general heads, or whether they shall passe a vote upon each particular article under each general head. The last part of the Question was agreed to.

Accordingly, the first Article, with the evidence to support it, viz:—Whether Mr Darroch was guilty of intemperat drinking in Mr Ellis' house at Monahan, was read. The question, therefore, was put—Whether the said Article be fully prov'd or not? It was carry'd, by a great majority, in the affirmative.

A motion was made by the Synod of Monahan, that they may have leave to wave their privilege of voting in this affair? It was carry'd in the negative.

The Lybell fram'd by the Prēsbry of Monahan against Mr Darroch was read in the several Articles thereof, and the Evidences to support the same maturely consider'd.

Then the second Article of the Lybell, together with the Examination of the Evidence taken by the Prēsbry of Monahan upon the same, vizt:—That Mr Darroch was drunk in Mr Walker's house in Augher, March, 1708. The Question was put—Whether the said Article be prov'd or not? It was carry'd in the negative.

Then the Question was put—Whether the second part of the Third Article, vizt:—That Mr Darroch was drunk several times in Monahan. Mr Wilson was call'd to give Evidence in this Instance. He said he adher'd to what he gave under his hand to the Prēsbry of Monahan. The Question was then put—Whether the second part of the third Article, with the Evidence supporting it, be prov'd or not? It carry'd in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

Major Handcock being formerly adduc'd to give Evidence, but not having opportunity, was now call'd in to give evidence before this Synod. He was ask'd if he were willing to give evidence. He said he was, which evidence is as follows:—

The Major said that he overtook Mr Darroch at Ardmah, 1708, and rode with him to Portedown; that he perceiv'd him to be intemperate and disorder'd with drink, which he judg'd both by his behaviour and words.

Then the third part of the third Article, with the Evidence to support it, was read, vizt:—Mr Darroch being several times drunk at his own house. The question was put—prov'd, or not? It carry'd, not prov'd.

The fourth part of the first Article, vizt: Mr Darroch's being drunk at Tedavenant on Easter Munday, 1711, being read, with the Evidence to support it, it was voted—Whether prov'd or not? It carry'd—Not prov'd judicially.

Then the Question was put—Whether or not Mr Darroch's being of a Quarrelsom, Turbulent, Provoking, and uneasy Carriage to several persons, and on several occasions mention'd in the Second Article, be fully prov'd? It was carry'd, fully prov'd, *nem: contradic:*

The third Article was next read, and the Evidence to support it. Then the Question was put—Whether it be prov'd that Mr Darroch kept bad order in his family, noe way suitable to the Apostolical Canon, 1 Tim: 3: 3, 4, nor becoming the gravity, prudence, and patience

requir'd of one in his station, instanc'd in his frequent brawling with his wife, thô under affliction, scolding, beating, and abusing his servants.

According to the third Article of the same Sentence, it carry'd, prov'd, *nem: contradic:*

The Seventh Article was next read, and the Evidence to support it. Then the Question was put—Whether Mr Darroch did, notwithstanding of his solemn asseveration to the contrary at the late Gen: Synod, use means and arguments to influence his people to joyn with him in the declinature and Protestation according to said Article? It was carry'd, prov'd, *nem: contradic:*

Then the Question was put—Whether Mr Darroch, by exercising the Ministry while he was under a just censure of Suspension, and by his declaration under his hand, and by his carriage this day before us in his refusing to be try'd by us for the several scandalous Immoralities charg'd against him, notwithstanding he still professes to be Presbyterian, has violated his solemn Engagement at his Ordination, that he would be subject to his Brethren in the Lord; and it was carry'd in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

Mr Darroch is depos'd from the Ministerial function in the Church of Christ.

The next Question was put—Whether Mr Robert Darroch, for the gross and scandalous Immoralities, notorious and frequent Violation of his Ordination Vow, which has been fully prov'd against him according to the above votes, shall be depos'd from all the parts of the Ministerial function in the Church of Christ or not? Having call'd on God the Father of Lights for light in this weighty affair, it was carry'd unanimously, depose; and accordingly he is hereby depos'd from the Ministerial function in the Church of Christ. The sexton having (as appointed) lookt for Mr Darroch to come and hear the said sentence pronounc'd against him, but he appear'd not; whereupon the Moderator did, by appointment of this Synod, pronounce the said sentence of deposition of Mr Robert Darroch.

The Question being again put—Whether Mr Darroch shall be suspended from Sealing Ordinances till he remove his scandal giv'n by his gross Immoralities, and breach of his Ordination Vow, and it carry'd, suspend, *nem: contradic:* and accordingly he is hereby suspended, which sentence of suspension was pronounc'd by the Moderator at the appointment of this Synod.

A Select Comittee for drawing the Act of deposition.

A Motion was made that a Select Comittee be appointed to frame an act upon our above resolutions with reference to Mr Darroch. The Members appointed were:—Mr Bruce, Mr Iredell, Mr Holmes, senr, Mr Choppin, Mr Alexr Sinclar, Mr Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Gowan, with the Moderator and Gentmen Elders, Clotworthy Upton, Arthur Maxwel, Esqrs, Mr Blackwood, who shall meet at Eight a clock to morrow morn: in the Vestry belonging to the New Meeting House.

All the other Comittees to meet at Eight in the Morning, Interloqr at Ten.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till Eleven of the Clock to morrow morning. This Session concluded by prayr.

Die Saturni, horâ undecima ante merid. After Pray^r, Roll being call'd, Sess: 8va.

Sederunt qui supra.

A Motion being made that Mr Bruce and Mr Holmes, sen^r, be appointed to go and converse with Mr Waddell and Mr Grhame, Monahan Gentlemen, and deal with 'em to joyn their Interest for uniting that Congregation, the Motion was agreed to.

The Select Comittee for preparing the Act for deposing Mr Darroch made report, that they will enter on that work and have it done seasonably.

A Motion being made that a Minister of this Synod be appointed to intimate the sentence of deposition of Mr Darroch in the Congregation of Monahan—

The Moderator propos'd the following Leet, vizt:—Mr Alex^r Sinclar, Mr Iredell, Mr Tho: Orr. It carry'd by plurality of votes that Mr Alex^r Sinclar shall go to Monahan and intimate the sentence of deposition. Mr Alex^r Sinclar to intimate the sentence of deposition at Mon:

Derry Supplication being again read and consider'd, the several Prēsbrys were appointed to go apart and chuse their Supplyers, and Members of the Comittee to meet on Derry affair.

The Prēbrys returning, made report that Ardmagh have chosen Mr Robert Rainey as their Supplyer of Derry; from Monahan, Mr James Tatte; from Colerain, Mr James McGrigor; from Convoy, Mr Samuel Dunlop; from Belfast, Mr James Blair; from Down, Mr James Reid; from Antrim, Mr Thomas Shaw; from Tyrone, Mr Thomas Mulligan. Derry Prēbry will appoint their Supplyers for Derry Congregation, therefore did not name any now. As to the particular moneths wherein these Brethren are to supply, Mr Blair for the mon'th of July, Mr Reid for the mon'th of August, Derry for the mon'th of Septem^r, Mr Tatte for the mon'th of October, M^r McGrigor for the mon'th of Novem^r, Derry Prēbry for the moneths of Jan^ry, Feb^ry, March, Mr Samuel Dunlop for the moneth of December, Mr Mulligan for the moneth of Aprile, Mr Rainey the mon'th of May, Mr Shaw for the mon'th of June; which nomination and times of supplying are approv'd by this Synod. Supplys to L:Derry.

In case any of the aforesaid Ministers can't perform their Supplys, the respective Prēbrys, being seasonably appris'd thereof, are to appoint other Ordain'd Ministers in their room.

The respective Prēbrys are hereby oblig'd to supply the Congregation of those Supplyers who are Supplying Derry.

This Synod doth recomend to the Prēsbry of Derry to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to that Congregation, having concerted with that Session, and the Supplyer in that mon'th to assist at the said administration.

In reference to the desir'd Comittee for discussing a Call to Derry, the respective Prēbrys return'd the following Ministers and Elders to be Members of the said Comittee:—

Comittee to meet on L:Derry Affair.

Ardmagh Prēsbry return'd Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Geo: Lang, Mr Gilbert Keñedy, Ministers; Mr Ja: Ballantyne, Elder.

Monahan nam'd Mr Will: Cornwall, Mr Alexr Fleming, Mr Sam: McGahine, Ministers; Mr Rob: Wilson, Elder.

Colerain nam'd Mr Woodsy'd, Mr McGrigor, Mr Higginbotham, Ministers; Mr Heyland, Elder.

Derry nam'd Mr Tho: Harvey, Mr Winsley, Mr Jo: Stirling, Ministers; Mr Cunningham, of Bert, Elder.

Convoy nam'd Mr Will: Holmes, junr, Mr Tho: Craghead, Mr Laird, Ministers; Capt Henderson, Elder.

Down nam'd Mr Hen: Hamilton, Mr Biggar, Mr Sheñan, Ministers; Mr Ja: Keñedy, Elder.

Belfast nam'd Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Craford, Mr Cobham, Ministers; Mr Jo: Chalmers, Elder.

Antrim nam'd Mr Pettigrew, Mr Abernethy, Mr Masterton, Ministers; Clotworthy Upton, Will: Shaw, Esqrs, Mr Patrick Agnew, Elders.

Tyrone nam'd Mr Jo: Thomb, Mr Tho: Keñedy, junr, Mr Archbald Boyd, Ministers; Mr Rainey, Elder.

Nineteen (whereof fourteen are to be Ministers) shall be the Quorum, to meet at Colerain upon advertisement by the Prēsbry of Derry to the several Prēsbrys, who are to send their respective members. The nomination of the said members was approv'd by this Synod.

This Synod appoints this Comittee finally to determine the prosecution of a Transportation of such Minister as Derry may agree to call without an appeal (as is desir'd in the petition, and by us granted *in terminis)*. If there should be an appeal from any Prēsbry to them in this affair, the members from which the appeal is made are to be laid aside, and the rest to be a Quorum to determine this affair as aforesaid.

The Brethren that can reach their Congregations so as to preach to them to morrow are allow'd now to go, and were appointed to attend this Synod at three of the Clock on Munday at Noon.

Adjourn'd till Munday at three of the Clock *post merid:*

This Session concluded by prayer.

Sess: 9a.

Die Lunæ, horâ tertia a merid: After prayer, Roll being call'd,

Sederunt qui supra.

Galway.

The affair of Gallway being laid before us by the Comittee of Bills, 'tis agreed that affair come now under our consideration. From Galway appear'd Major Thomas Handcock, Mr Robert Roberts, Mr Francis Montgomry, whose Comission was read and sustained, they producing a Supplication in reference to the transportation of Mr John McGachine from Inniskilling to Galway.

A Motion was made, that before the consideration of the Supplication, the Minuts of Belfast Synod relating to that affair should be read, that it may be known by what means the congregation of Galway became vacant. This Motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Minuts of Belfast Synod were read. Down Prēbry (under whose care Galway then was) offer'd some reasons *viva voce*, which mov'd them to accept Mr Nathaniel Orr's dimission of his Charge at Galway. The consideration of these reasons was referr'd till the next Session of the Interloqr, the Issue whereof to be reported to the open Synod. In the mean time, the Synod proceeded to consider the Supplication of Galway, praying that they may be allow'd to give a Call to Mr John McGachine, now of Inniskilling, that he may be transported to Galway; which Call being read, and the Comrs being heard what further they had to say, were remov'd.

Mr Nat: Orr referr'd to the Interloqr.

The regularity of this Call was enquir'd into. It was found the said Call was not orderly laid before the Prēsbry of Monahan. Notwithstanding of this pice of Informality, the Synod proceeded to consider this affair. It was enquir'd whether the Prēbry of Monahan had declar'd Mr John McGachine transportable or not. They answer'd that they had not declar'd him transportable, but only had certify'd the people of Inniskilling that they would declare him transportable if that people were not more dutifull.

Galway.

Mr Jo: McGahy referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures.

The Synod, finding this affair full of difficulties, agreed that this affair complexly shall be referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures to bring an Overture thereupon at next Session.

This Synod, consid'ring that there are consid'rable arrears owing to several Congregations and persons out of the publick Fund for several years, and it's necessary to have the said Fund settled for the ensueing year, do nominate the following Ministers and Gentlmen, vizt:—Mr Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Malcom, Mr Gowan, Mr Taylor, Mr Shaw, Mr Haltridg, Mr McGrigor, Mr Jo: Harvey, Mr And: Ferguson, Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Sam: Henry, Mr Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Tate, Mr Thompson, Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Hen: Crooks, Mr Iredell, Ministers; and Clotworthy Upton, Arthur Maxwel, Will: Shaw, Esqrs, Dr Ferguson, Mr Robert McMullen, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Broadly, Mr Meetch, Ruling Elders—to be a Comittee to prepare Overtures for these ends, to be laid before us.

A Comittee for the Fund.

The Comittee for revising the Sub-Synod books report that they have revis'd Belfast Synod book, and approv'd the same, which approbation is to be inserted in the said book. Report of the Comittee for revising Monahan book is referr'd till afterward.

Belfast Synod book approv'd. Monah: book noe report yet

An appeal from the Inhabitants of Drumbanoher and Glen to this Synod from a Sentence of the Prēbry of Ardmagh being laid before this Synod by the Comittee of Bills, was receiv'd. Parties being call'd,

From Drumbanoher and Glen appear'd William Waterson, William Andrew, and James Connory, Comrs; and from Donoghmore appear'd John Allison, Comr, whose Comissions were read and sustain'd. Then the Sentence of the Prēbry of Ardmagh, wherein they refuse to reverse a former Sentence of that Prēbry appointing the said Inhabitants

Drumbanoher, Glen, Donoghmore.

of Drumbanoher and Glen to be members of the congregation of Donohmore, was read, and from which Sentence so refusing as above the appellants did appeal.

At the desire of the Com̄rs of Drumbanoher and Glen, the representation of their Grievances giv'n in to our last Synod, together with the order of the last Synod upon the said representation, were read.

Next, the reasons of the said appeal were read, and the Prēsbry of Ardmagh gave verbal answers to those reasons; and a supplication from the congregation of Donoghmore, praying that in regard of the weakness and inability of that Congregation to support the Gospell without Drumbanoher and Glen, these Inhabitants of Drumbanoher and Glen may be continu'd members of their Congregation, was read. All parties being fully heard and remov'd, the Synod came to consider this cause; and in the mean time the Prēbry of Ardmagh, by one of their members, obtain'd leave to come in, and mov'd that Mr James Blair, as being agent for the people of Drumbanoher and Glen, and having drawn their papers for them, might be remov'd among other parties, to which Mr Blair reply'd in his own defence, that the Inhabitants of Drumbanoher and Glen having askt his advice in their affair, and shew'd to him the materials they had prepar'd for their own papers, desir'd him to put 'em into form; he confesseth that he put those materials into form, but says that he expressly advis'd 'em to acquiesce in the determination of the Prēbry, and utterly denys that he suffer'd himself to be prepossesst against the Prēsbry by them or any others; whereupon that member of the Prēsbry and Mr Blair being remov'd, the following question (after reasoning) was put:—Whether Mr Blair had made himself a party by all the assistance he gave to that people, and by drawing their papers or not? and it carry'd in the negative by a great majority.

Mr Ja: Blair, suspected as a party by one of Ardmagh Prēbry, is by vote of the Synod judg'd noe party.

Then the Synod came to consider the merits of the cause; and, after long reasoning, it was mov'd that the following question be put—*bene an male appellatum;* but in regard there doth not appear to us any Informality in the method of proceeding in this affair by the Prēsbry of Ardmagh, and that the reasons of the appeal are founded upon the merits of the cause, it was agreed that the above question should be wav'd, and the following question put, viz:—Whether the people of Drumbanoher and Glen shall be continu'd members of the Congregation of Donohmore or not? and the said Question being put accordingly, it was carry'd in the affirm: by a great majority.

Drumbanoher and Glen are continu'd with Donohmore

Then the Synod appointed the following Brethren, vizt:—Mr Bruce, Mr Iredell, and Mr Ramsey—to confer with that people, that they may overture some expedient to us to morrow morning for making that people easy in their complying with the above appointment, and that the said conference be held immediately after this Sederunt. Partys being called in, the sentence of this Synod was read to 'em.

Mr Samll Hallyday.

It being mov'd that Mr Samuel Hallyday, junr, licens'd by the Prēsbry of Convoy to preach the Gospel as a Probationr, and afterwards ordain'd to the office of the Holy Ministry at Geneva, and being now Minister to a Scots Regiment in Flanders, this Synod may allow the true Copys of his Testimonials to be now read, in order to their allowing him to

be capable of receiving a Call, and being setled in an orderly way within the bounds of this Synod, before the meeting of any Synod, particular or general, in case there be any such Call tendred to him. The Synod agreed to read the Copies of the said Testimonials, which being read accordingly, and the Prēsbry of Convoy having testify'd that they saw the originalls of which these papers now read are true Copies, this Synod sustains and approves the same, and declares the said Mr Sam: Hallyday capable of receiving a Call from, and being setled in, an orderly way before the Meeting of any Synod, General or Particular.

Also it was mov'd, that Mr Alexr Hamilton, licens'd by the Prēsbry of Dublin to preach the Gospel as a Probationr, the Synod may allow his Testimonials and the Extract of his Licence to be read. The Synod allowed 'em to be read. Our Dublin Brethren here present assert they are the true Copy of his Licence, which was approv'd; any Prēbry within the bounds of this Synod to imploy him in an orderly way. Adjourn'd till Eleven of the Clock to mor: morning. This Session concluded by prayr. Mr Hamilton.

Die Martis, horâ undecima ante merid: Sess: 10a.

After prayer, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

The Comittee of Overtures having offer'd diverse Overtures concerning the affair of Galway, referr'd to 'em, diverse amendments were made to them by this Synod, and the said Overtures so amended were approv'd, and are as follows :—

1. That whereas, in their opinion, it's not for the publick Interest of the Church to transport Mr McGahy from Inniskilling to Galway, that therefore this Synod would not encourage that Motion.

2. That the Congregation of Galway should continue annext to the Prēsbry of Monahan, but that the General Synod do assist that Prēsbry in supplying that Congregation for the ensueing year.

3. That four Probationers may be appointed by this Synod to supply that congregation of Galway; each Probationr be order'd to supply one quarter of a year. The following nomination was humbly overtur'd, as persons very fitt to supply there :—Mr Alexr Hamilton, Mr James Fraser, Mr Robert Holmes, Mr James Hud. That Mr Fraser be appointed the first three moneths, commencing on the first Sabbath of September, Mr Holmes the second three moneths, Mr Hud the third three moneths, Mr Hamilton the last three moneths; this appointment to be punctually observ'd, except Galway be setled with some one of them, or with Mr Robert Thompson, after mentioned, before the several times appointed for the supplys of those Probationrs; and in case Galway call any one of them, or Mr Thompson, Probationr, before the times order'd for the rest of their supplys, the Prēsbry of Monahan is to give seasonable advertisement of this to such who are to succeed. Overtures concerning Galway agreed to by the Synod.

4. Upon application from the people of Galway to the Prēbry of Monahan for sealing Ordinances, or to assist 'em in order to their settlement, that Prēbry is to send an ordain'd Minister to them for thos

ends, and they are allow'd to call any of the aforesaid Probation^{rs} without waiting for next General Synod.

The Comm^{rs} from Gallway desir'd that, seing they've noe prospect of obtaining M^{r} Jo: McGachine for their Minister, Mr Robert Thompson, a Probation^{r} in Monahan Prēsbry, may be allow'd to supply 'em. The Com̄^{rs} being remov'd, the Synod enquir'd at the Prēbry of Monahan concerning that young man's fitness for supplying that place, and understanding by them that he's very well qualify'd, the Synod agreed that he should supply them the moneths of July and August.

Breaky, Mr John Lee.

The Interlcq^{r} report that a Supplication from Breaky to this Synod being laid before them by the Com̄ittee of Bills, wherein they pray that some difference between them and their late Minister, M^{r} Jo: Lee, about the state of Accounts of their arrear due to him, may be adjusted by this Synod, in order to their being replanted with a Gospell minister; and it's their opinion this Synod consider the same. The Synod consider'd this affair, and having heard Mr Hugh Hudson, Com^{r} from Breaky, and having read a letter from Mr Lee upon it, appointed the following Brethren:—Mr Will: Taylor, Mr Umphry Thomson, Mr Alex^{r} Brown, Mr Sam: McGachy, to prepare an Overture, to be laid before us at our next Sederunt.

The Brethren appointed to overture to this Synod, upon their conference with Drumbanoher and Glen, for making that people easy in complying with our conclusion that they continue annext to Donohmore, made report that they conferred with 'em, but had not the desireable successe. This Synod allow'd that affair a further hearing. Complaint being made by Drumbanoher and Glen that Mr Johnston, of Donohmore, refus'd 'em sealing Ordinances, Mr Johnston reply'd that he sent one to those bounds to tell that people that he would go to the place and baptize the Children of such who would be orderly. Drumbanoher said that they apprehended by their promising to be orderly would be understood an obligation on them to continue with Donohmore. Parties being heard and remov'd, the Synod, after long reasoning, came to this resolution—That the people of Drumbanoher and Glen shall be admitted to sealing Ordinances, except they be guilty of such things as would ev'n deprive other members of Donohmore. The Com̄^{rs} being call'd, this was read to them.

Drumbanoher and Glen are allow'd Sealing Ordinances.

The Select Com̄ittee appointed to prepare the draught of the Act with reference to the deposition of Mr Darroch, produc'd the draught, which the Synod order'd to be read all over; then it was order'd to be read by Paragraphs, that members may have opportunity of making remarks. Diverse amendments were offer'd and agreed to.

It was order'd to be transcrib'd, with the amendments, and then to be read the second time.

Time of reading the act of deposition in our Congregations.

The Question was put—At what particular time shall this Act be read in the Congregations by the respective Ministers, with a suitable exhortation? It was agreed that it be read by the Minister, having a suitable exhortation, on the first Lord's day of August next, and on the third Lord's day of August in our vacant congregations.

Mr Alex: Sinclar mov'd that he may either be excus'd from going

to Monahan, or else another Minister may be appointed to assist him in publishing the act with reference to Mr Robert Darroch.

The Question was put—Grant him an assistant or not? It was carry'd in the affirmative, by plurality of votes.

A Leet being propos'd of Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Bruce, Mr Sam: Henry, Mr Woodsyd, Mr Orr was, by plurality of votes, chosen to assist Mr Alex: Sinclar in performing that work.

Order'd, that the act for deposing Mr Darroch be read a third time at next Sederunt.

Then we adjourn'd till four of the clock *a merid:* This Session concluded by prayr.

Die Martis, horâ quarta a merid: After prayr, Roll being call'd, Sess: 11a.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Act for deposing Mr Darroch was read a third time, and some few amendments being made thereunto, it was voted—Approve the same *in terminis*, or not? It was carry'd, approve *in terminis, nem: contradic:*, and is as follows :—

ACT FOR DEPOSING Mr ROBERT DARROCH.

The Act for deposing Mr Robert Darroch.

Whereas, by the Laws of God and the pious constitution of all the Reform'd Churches, It is Provided that noe grossly scandalous and notoriously Irregular Minister should be suffer'd to continue in the Sacred Pastoral office, but that for the Glory of God, the good of the Church, the preventing of the ruine of precious Immortal Souls by the pestilential Influence of such bad examples, and ev'n for the good and welfare of civil society, every such Minister be solemnly depos'd from the office of a Minister of the Gospel.

And whereas, Mr Robert Darroch, formerly Invested with the Ministerial office, and fixt in the Presbyterian Congregation at Monahan by the Prēsbry of Tyrone, having been accus'd by publick fame of diverse gross and scandalous Immoralities, Impieties, and Irregular practices, after our taking all orderly steps, useing all due diligence, and falling upon all the proper expedients which the best of our prudence or judgment could direct for finding out the truth impartially, and after allowing the greatest condescensions to him that were consistent with justice and Equity, the better to enable him to make his defense with respect to the several Points of which he was accus'd, doth now, upon good Evidence, appear to us to be guilty of several acts of Drunkeness, to the great dishonour of our common Christianity, that Holy Religion of our Blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ; and of being of a quarrelsom, turbulent, provoking, and uneasy carriage toward several persons of worth and distinction amongst his Protestant Neighbours, and at several occasions, contrary to the meek temper of the meek Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and that meekness, long suffering Gentleness, and Goodnesse, which is suitable to the spirit of the Gospel, and an Ambassadr of Christ; and of frequent contentious Brawling in

his Family, unsuitable to the Gravity, Patience, and Prudence requir'd in one of his station, who ought to rule his own house well according to the apostolick Canon, 1 Tim: 3: 3, 4; and of frequent and notorious violation of his solemn vow and Engagement at his Ordination—that he would be subject to his Brethren in the Lord; by his exercising his Ministry since our last Synod, while he was under a just Censure of Suspension from it; by his letters to his Brethren, subscribed under his own hand, and own'd before us, wherein he declines their judgment; and, by his carriage before us, refusing subjection to us, and refusing to consent that we should enquire into the several Scandalous Imoralities, Impieties, and disorderly practices laid to his Charge, notwithstanding of his professing that he had not chang'd his former Principles (which were still the same with ours); and that he complain'd before us of its being a Calumny to insinuate any such change in him; which demonstrates not only his perfidious breach of his Ordination-Vow, but ev'n self-contradiction.

All which Scandalous Immoralities, Impieties, and disorderly practices clearly prov'd, to our humiliation, and full conviction of our Conscience and judgment, by a sufficient number of Credible and good Evidences, and some of 'em by his own confession, are highly aggravated by the unhappy and sinfull conjuncture of them all as the accumulated guilt of one person, wch renders each of 'em the more abominable and offensive to an Holy and just God, and to the Generation of the Righteous; by the admonitions giv'n him with all lenity and tenderness by his Brethren, and by some of his own Congregation in their private station, to abstain from such sinfull practices upon the first appearance of 'em, wherein he obstinately persisted, notwithstanding of such brotherly and christian observance of the rules of the Gospel; and by his great Insincerity in making a solemn asseveration before us that he us'd noe means nor arguments to influence his people to joyn with him in his irregular declining of the judgment of his Brethren, thô the contrary hath fully appear'd to us by undenyable Testimony.

Wherefore, This Synod, to testify their just abhorrence of all and every of those wicked and sinfull practices, which have been fully prov'd against the said Mr Robert Darroch, and for preventing the bad consequences thereof, so far as in them lyes, from an awefull sense of their indispensible obligations to the faithfull performance of their duty to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, after calling upon God by solemn prayer for light and direction, have most unanimously, and without one contradicting voice, judg'd that the said Mr Robert Darroch shall be depos'd *simpliciter;* and he is hereby depos'd *simpliciter* from the office of a Minister of the Gospell, comitted to him by the laying on of the hands of the Prēsbry.

Suspended from Sealing Ordinances without due Evidence of repentance.

And to the intent that noe such scandalous and Irregular person be admitted to the Comunion of the Church, and to Church Priviledges among us, without due Evidence of repentance, we have, with the same unanimity, judg'd that the said Mr Robert Darroch now be suspended; and accordingly he is hereby suspended from the benefit of all sealing Ordinances, until the Scandal of his wicked practices be remov'd in an orderly way.

And we do hereby declare to all persons of our Communion, that 'tis their duty to disown the said Mr Robert Darroch, as a person justly depos'd from the Ministry, and that they ought not to give the least attendance upon, or countenance, or subjection to, any part of the Ministry which he may pretend to exercise, and of which he is entirely divested, as they value the Glory of God, the good of their souls, and the peace and unity of the Church. None of our Communion countenance him.

And that the Ends of this Act may be the more effectually obtain'd, we have resolv'd that a Copy of the same be read publickly from the Pulpit on the first Lord's day of August next ensueing, to each Congregation under our care, by the Minister thereof, where such congregations have fixt Pastors of their own; and that such exhortations may be deliver'd, after reading the same, by the Minister to their respective flocks, as are apposite, and suitable to the Importance of that occasion; and that where there are vacant congregations, the respective Prēbrys to which they belong shall appoint one of their number to read this Act in the audience of such vacant Congregations, on the third Lord's day of August next Ensueing. Read the Act in all our Congregations.

And in regard the Congregation of Monahan is particularly concern'd in this affair, we further resolve that our Reverd Brethren, Mr Alexr Sinclar and Mr James Tate, should preach to the said Congregation next Lord's day; that Mr Sinclar do read this act to the congregation; and that each of those Brethren deliver proper exhortations for uniting and healing that Congregation, and encouraging them to take all orderly steps for their being speedily replanted with a faithful Gospel Minister.

The Comittee appointed to Overture with reference to Breaky and Mr Jo: Lee read the following Overture, which, with amendments, was fully agreed to by this Synod:—Considering the circumstances of that congregation, and their great desire to be replanted, and in the mean time due care to be taken of Mr Jo: Lee, their late Pastor, Mr John Lee is to be advis'd, upon the payment of Twenty pounds to him by Breaky, is to quit the arrears due to him by 'em; that the Prēsbry of Monahan use all proper diligence to get up Mr Lee's arrears due to him in Coronary and skirts of Breaky, and plant the Congregation upon the payment of the Twenty pounds. What farther relates to Mr Lee's Encouragment is in the Interloqr Minuts (all which Minuts are añext to those Minuts). Breaky.

Mr Robert Haltridg, for reasons offer'd, was allow'd to go home.

Mr Thomas Orr, who was voted to assist Mr Alexr Sinclar in publishing the act for deposing Mr Darroch in the Congregation of Monahan, next Lord's day, gave reasons why he can't obey that appointment, which were sustain'd. Another Leet being giv'n, Mr James Tate was, by plurality of votes, appointed to assist Mr Alexr Sinclar at Monahan. Mr Brown, Probationr in Monahan Prēsbry, was appointed to supply that Congregation of Killyshandry next Lord's day. Mr Tate to assist Mr Sinclar.

Adjourn'd till Ten a clock to morrow morning.

This Session concluded by prayer.

Sess: 12a. *Die Mercur., horâ decima ante merid:* After Prayer, Roll being call'd,

Sederunt qui supra.

Narrow-water.

Appeal from a Sentence of the Prēsbry of Ardmagh.

An appeal from the Inhabitants of Narrow-water from a Sentence of the Prēsbry of Ardmagh, denying 'em the half of Mr John Wilson's Ministerial labours, being laid before this Synod by the Comittee of Bills, was receiv'd. Parties being call'd, from Narrow-water appear'd Robert Linton, William Dowglas, Com̄rs, whose Com̄ission was read and sustain'd. The Prēsbry of Ardmagh's Sentence was read, and the Appeal from that Sentence, with the reasons of the appeal, were read; likeways a Supplication from Narrow-water, wherein they say that, notwithstanding they are much more numerous than the people of Carlinford, they have had but a third part of Mr Wilson's labours in the time past; that in justice they ought to have the half of his labours in the time to come, especially considering they are willing to give fifteen pound ℔ year with the proportionable victuall, alledging that it was the original contract, if they paid the half of his maintenance they should enjoy the half of his labours.

The Prēbry's Defense.

Mr Wilson's labours between Carlinford & Narrow-water.

The Prēsbry answer'd, in defense of their own sentence, that if they should grant what Narrow-water desires, it would greatly injure Carlinford, and Carlinford can't have such access to Ordinances in Neighboring Congregations as Narrow-water. They farther said that the Appellants made noe such contract or agreement appear before 'em.

The Prēbry of Ardmagh, Mr John Wilson, and the Appellants, being fully heard, were remov'd.

The Synod deliberately weighing what has been said on all sides, the following Overture was propos'd:—That Narrow-water shall have the half of Mr Wilson's labours, as to preaching on the Lord's day, and at other times during the Sum̄er half year, and Carlinford shall have his labours in preaching on the Lord's day and at other times, the other half of the Sum̄er half year; and, that during the Winter half year Carlinford shall have two-thirds of Mr Wilson's labours, as formerly, and Narrow-water the other third; that the Prēsbry be advis'd to supply Narrow-water on the Winter half year as much as they can; and that Narrow-water pay the fifteen pound, with the proportionable victual which they now promise; which being voted, was unanimously approv'd. This Act to com̄ence from the first of Septemr next.

Charity to Glassny McGinnis & Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's Widow.

Glassny McGennis, of Newry, Supplicated this Synod for Charity. He was recom̄ended by several persons of good character, as one who was serviceable in the late revolution, by endeavoring to save the lives of Protestants, and preserving their goods. The Brethren here are desir'd to give him what they think fitt.

Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's widow in great strait, petition'd for supply. Her case being consider'd, it's agreed that every of our Congregations give her a shilling; that each Prēbry collect the said money, *primo quoq: tempore,* and transmit it to Mr William Leech, of Bellymanogh, for her use, and that the Prēbry of Rout continue their former allowance to her.

James Ross, of Derry, well recomended by Authentick Certificats from Derry, and also by many Ministers and Gent^t^men here present, supplicates us for relief by granting him a Sabbath day's Collection in each of our congregations. The petition was granted. Our Clerk was appointed to signify this, our allowance, at the foot of his petition, which was accordingly done. James Ross.

An Appeal from the Inhabitants of BellymaGraan from a sentence of the Synod of Monahan, laid by the Comittee of Bills before this Synod. Order'd, that affair come in to be judg'd at next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till six a clock *a merid:*

This Session concluded by pray^r^.

Die Mercury, horâ Sexta a merid: After pray^r^, Roll being call'd, Sess: 13^a^.

Sederunt qui supra.

According to Order, the Appeal from BellymaGraan came under our consideration; and parties being call'd, from BellymaGraan appear'd William Moor, William Howston, with others Com^rs^, whose Comission was read and sustain'd. From Ahalow appear'd Francis Bell, Com^r^, whose Comission was also read and sustain'd.

Then the sentence of the Synod of Monahan, and BellymaGraan's Appeal from that sentence, with the reasons of the appeal, were read. The Com^rs^ on all sides, and the Synod of Monahan, being fully heard, were remov'd. The Synod, after long reasoning, came to this resolution—To remit the whole affair to the Prēbry of Tyrone, with Correspondt^s^, from the Prēbrys of Monahan and Ardmagh. As to dispensing Sealing Ordinances to the Appellants, it was mov'd—That upon Certificats from the Elders of those quart^rs^, that nothing is to be said against 'em, but the matter now in debate. Any Minister of Tyrone Prēsbry may allow 'em Sealing Ordinances, which allowance to continue till the time wherein the Prēbry, with Correspondents, have determin'd this affair. This was, by vote, approv'd, *nem: contradicente.* The time of the Prēsbry's Meeting, with Correspondents, is to be the Second Meeting of Tyrone after this Synod.

The Com^rs^ from Drumbanoher and Glen supplicated that we may explain our Minut in reference to them, to prevent any heats among that people. Ardmagh Prēbry is appointed to put our Act in execution in the most healing way they can.

All Comittees are to meet to mor: morn: at Seven a clock, the Interloq^r^ at Nine, and Synod at Eleven.

This Session concluded by pray^r^.

Die jovis, horâ Undecima ante Merid: After pray^r^, Roll being call'd, Sess: 14^a^.

Sederunt qui supra.

This Synod, taking into their consideration that, for healing the rents of the Congregation of Monahan, it may be of great use to supply

them duely by the several Prēbrys within the bounds of this Synod, do appoint the several Prēbrys undermention'd to supply 'em punctually in the following order, vizt:—

Supplys to Monahan.

The Prēbry of Colerain to supply 'em for the Moneth of August; the Prēbry of Ardmagh to supply 'em for the Moneth of July; Convoy to supply 'em for the Moneth of Septem^{r}; Belfast to supply 'em for the Moneth of October; Down to supply 'em for the Moneth of Novb^{r}; Derry to supply 'em for the Month of Decem^{r}; Antrim to supply 'em for the Moneth of Jan^{ry}.

Balenderry.

A Reference from the Prēbry of Belfast to this Synod, concerning the Circumscribing the Bounds of a New Erection of the Inhabitants of Balenderry and MaghreGall, appointed by the Synod of Belfast, and for giving reasonable satisfaction to the Congregations of Moyra and Glenavy, being laid before us by the Comittee of Bills, was receiv'd, and parties being call'd,

Moyra. Glenavy.

From Balenderry appear'd Arthur Maxwel, Esqr, Dr Ferguson, and Thomas Bety, Com^{rs}; from Moyra, Will: Moor and Will: McMaighan, Com^{rs}; from Glenavy, James McClure, and others, Com^{rs}; whose Comissions were read and sustain'd.

All the Minuts of the Prēbry of Belfast, and of the Synod of Belfast, together with all the Supplications, reasons, and other papers of the several parties formerly laid before the Synod and Prēbry of Belfast, and their Supplications to this Synod, were read; and all parties being fully heard, and remov'd, after long reasoning upon Motion, it was agreed to, that this affair, referr'd to us, be recomitted to the Prēbry of Belfast, with two Correspondents from the Prēbry of Down, and as many from Antrim Prēbry, finally to determine the same; and that the Correspond^{ts} be chosen by their respective Prēbrys, and come when advertis'd by the Prēsbry of Belfast.

Recommitted to Belfast Prēbry.

Overt: by the Com: of Overtures.

The Comittee for Overtures having laid before us several Overtures of great Importance to this Church, which were all receiv'd and read, and there not being sufficient time to consider all of 'em, such of 'em as are of most imediate necessity for the well being of this Church, were now consider'd; which, with the amendments made to 'em, were approv'd unanimously, and are as followeth:—

1. Whereas some Prēbrys in this Synod have been solicited and prevail'd upon to grant Testimonials to several Students of Divinity (who, notwithstanding they were unqualify'd), have thereupon obtain'd licence to preach in other Kingdoms, we therefore Overture that this General Synod enjoyn every Prēbry to use their utmost caution in giving certificats to any Students who design to go abroad to any other Kingdom; and, particularly, that they grant such Certificats to none of 'em, unless they've taken, or shall take, a strict previous Examination of their Gifts, and do thereby find that such persons deserve to be encourag'd in their studies.

2. That this Synod appoint that Probation^{rs} be censur'd at the Privy Censures of the several Prēbrys to which they belong, as well as the Ministers actually ordain'd and settled; but that the said Probation^{rs}

shall not be present at the Privy Censures which Ministers passe one upon another.

3. 'Tis overtur'd that some fitt person be thought of to go to Pensylvaina. This Comittee names Mr Holmes, the Probationr, as a fitt Person, if he can be prevail'd with to go; and for advancing the sum of Twenty pound for defraying his Expenses, that the Moderator of this Synod, with Mr Abernethy and Mr Gowan, be desir'd to use the utmost of their Interest and endeavrs, with the recomendation of this Synod, to persons of a publick and generous spirit, for procuring contributions toward the same. Pensylvaina.

Whereas the Synod of Monahan hath laid before us an Overture in the following words, vizt:—That noe matter be put hastily to a vote in this General Synod upon the bringing in of Overtures, but that time be allow'd to reason upon all Overtures, that so members may have all necessary means of light and information, and may not be oblig'd to vote without previous reasoning in the publick hearing of all concern'd, after the parties are remov'd; and if want of time hinder this, let these affairs be either comitted to the final determination of the particular Synod, or referr'd to next General Synod. We overture that the above overtures be agreed to, *in terminis*. Accordingly, this Synod agreed thereto.

That every Particular Synod and Prēbry upon whom there are any appointments made by the General Synod, shall bring in an account of their observance of 'em to the first Sederunt of the next General Synod, and deliver it to the Clerk *in Scriptis;* and if any Prēbry or Sub-Synod fail in the performance of this, shall be censur'd by the General Synod for that omission.

Which Overture, as also the above Overtures, being severally read and voted, were approv'd, *nemine contradicente.*

The following Overtures, laid before us by the Comittee of Overtures, are appointed to be transmitted to the several Prēsbys within the bounds of this Synod, in order to their being ripen'd for the decisive judgment of next General Synod.

Whereas, an Overture was laid before us by the Synod of Belfast in the following words, vizt:—Upon a complaint made to the Synod of Belfast that some guilty of gross, notorious sins, thô convict, will not subject to appear publickly before the Congregation (the reason they give is, because that way of Censure is not universally practis'd in our Congregations; if it were according to the Word of God, none should be exempted); therefore, they require the judgment of a superior judicatry in this affair before they subject to appear publickly. It was, therefore, Overtur'd that this Synod declare their mind, that this publick censure, in deserving cases, is agreeable to the Word of God; that there is sufficient foundation for the same in Scripture. 2. That, for our better and more universal agreement in this practice, 'tis, therefore, Overtur'd, that these rules, whereby persons guilty of publick scandal are requir'd to give satisfaction by their appearing publickly before the Congregation on the Lord's day, be overtur'd by this Synod to the Ensueing General Synod; also, that this rule be inforc'd, with a Notorious Sinners, what Censure to be inflicted on them.

penalty, and resolve on some particular censure as they think fitt to be inflicted on any Minister within their bounds that shall be found guilty of not observing this rule; also, what may be done with such gross sinners who are now guilty, or may be guilty, before next General Synod.

We appoint these persons so guilty to subject to what has been customary in the Congregation in whose bounds such wicked acts fall out; and the Prēsbry having oversight of such Congregation shall support the Session so doing according to their former practice; and this Synod to corroborate that Prēsbry so supporting the said Session. Further, we agree that the whole Overture complexly be Overtur'd to next Gen: Synod; all which was voted and approv'd.

'Tis now Overtur'd that this Synod seriously take the same into their consideration,

Censure to be inflicted on all our people marrying irregularly.

'Tis Overtur'd that the Act of the Synod of Belfast concerning Irregular Marriages be enacted by this Synod to extend to all within their Bounds, which Act is in the following words:—First. That the ancient and laudable custom of publishing Marriage-Banns three several days of publick worship, whereof two at least shall be Lord's days, ought to be carefully observ'd. That, if any Minister, Probation^r^, or any other whosoever of our Communion, shall presume to marry, without the consent of Parents, or those who are in place of Parents (except in such case as Parents' refusall shall be judg'd unreasonable), then, and in that case, the persons so offending—that is: 1. If a Minister shall so offend, he is, by his Prēbry, to be suspended from his office for the space of six moneths, his Congregation, in the mean while, to be supply'd at his expense, and afterward to make a full and ingenuous confession of his sin, and express unfeigned repentance for the same before his Prēbry in such a mañer as the Prēbry shall think fitt. 2. If a Probation^r^ shall so offend, that his Licence to preach the Gospel be deliver'd up to his Prēbry, thereby to be kept for one year, and not return'd to the Probation^r^ till he, the said Probation^r^, shall be oblig'd to make a free confession of his sin, and express unfaigned repentance for the same before his Prēbry in such a manner as the Prēbry shall think most proper. 3. If any Ruling Elder or Deacon shall so offend, he shall, for every such offence, be suspended from his office by the particular Session to which he belongs during the pleasure of the said Session, and not repon'd till the said Session be satisfy'd with the Evidence of his repentance. 4. If any member of any Presbyterian Congregation within the bounds of this Synod shall so offend, then, and in that case, for every such offense the said member shall be duely cited to appear before the Session of that Congregation to which he belongs, and there confess his fault, and be thereby admonisht for the same.

Ministers.

Probation^rs^.

Rul: Eld^r^. Deacon.

Any of our Comunion.

Further, if any person of the Presbyterian Comunion, within our bounds, shall presume to be marry'd by any vagrant Minister, or any falsely pretending to be a Minister, then, and in that case, for every such offense that person shall be suspended from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, till they give sufficient Evidence of their repentance for this disorder. To all which Overtures this Synod well agrees, as also

that the Act comence from the promulgation hereof from our Pulpits on the first Sabbath of March next ensueing; but that part relating to Ministers and Probationrs be of force from the date hereof. We also agreed that the Entire Overture be Overtur'd to next General Synod; all which was voted and unanimously approv'd as the act of this Synod.

Whereas, the Synod of Monahan have laid before us an Overture in these words:—The Synod of Monahan being fully convinc'd that private application made by parties to particular members of the General Synod, by which these members 've been prepossesst with relation to matters to be determin'd in the General Synod, have been the occasion of rash and ill grounded conclusions; and consid'ring also that such parties have an apparent tendency to incline men to partiality; Do therefore Overture that all members of this General Synod be most strictly prohibited to hearken to any such private Informations or accounts giv'n by parties of matters to come before this Synod, under pain of being excluded from debating and voting in those matters whereof they 've been prepossesst, and that at the desire of any party the Moderator of the General Synod shall be oblig'd to require any member solemnly to declare if he hath been privately inform'd or tamper'd with by any of the parties, or any other in their behalf, by word or write, to which every member shall be oblig'd to answer categorically; and that this shall be made a General rule to all judicatrys.

Who promise their vote in favor of any party shall be depriv'd of Liberty to vote, and rebukt by the Moderatr.

This Comittee Overtures that in stead of the above Overture the following Overture be concluded, vizt:—If any member of this Synod, or any other judicatry in this Church, shall make a promise of his vote to any party, and this can be duely prov'd to the conviction of this Synod, or any other judicatry, whereof he is a member, that in this case he shall not only be depriv'd of his Liberty to vote in that judicatry, but sharply rebuk'd by the Moderator.

Next it was, by vote, carry'd that our next General Synod shall meet at Antrim on the third Tuesday of June, Año 1713; sermon to begin at five of the clock that afternoon.

Time and Place of next Synod.

The affair relating to Mr Nathll Orr was before the Interloqr, who were satisfy'd with the reasons he has giv'n with his dimission of his Charge at Galway. It was agreed that this should be intimate to the open Synod, which was accordingly done by the Moderatr.

Adjourn'd till three of the clock *a merid.*

Die Jovis, horâ tertia a Merid: Sess: 15a.

After prayr, Roll call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Edenderry, by the Comittee of Bills, supplicated this Synod for the payment of what was promist out of the Fund to that Congregation, without which, they say, their Minister cannot subsist among them. This will be consider'd when the Comittee of Funds makes report.

All being agree'd that there be a Fast religiously observ'd, it was

Fast to be observed.

voted—Name the day now, or leave it to the Prēbrys to name the day. It carry'd by a majority that the Prēbrys are to name the day.

The Brethren agree that every of us recomend the great duty of pray^r to our people; and that, consid'ring the present aspect of affairs, prayer be more duely observ'd in Prēbrys and Sessions.

Several Brethren who went away without leave, viz:—Mr Sam: McGahy, Mr Tho: Wilson, M^r Jo: Stirling, M^r Ja: Crichton, Mr Holmes, jun^r, Mr Charles Lynd, Mr Will: Gray, M^r Jo: Ball, M^r Jo: Gawdy, Mr Will: Leech, Mr Will: Ogilvie, Mr Tho: Keñedy, jun^r, M^r Jo: McClave—these names are to be return'd to next Synod on their first Sederunt, there to be sharply rebuk'd by the Synod, and referr'd to that Synod what farther censure they think fitt to inflict on 'em; and the Elders who went away to be rebuk'd by their several Sessions.

Subscrib: ℣ AND: CRAFORD, Cl: Syn: G^l.

Interloq^r 1.

Delegats.

The former Synod having appointed that affair of Delegation in place of the General Synod to be entred upon on the second day of this Synod, 'twas mov'd—That for prepareing this affair, that we reason on it now; and having discours'd thereupon, the Overture for the Scheme of Delegats being now read, 'twas ordred that the papers relating to this affair shall be read to morrow morning.

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The issue of reasoning thereupon, it was voted

According to order of last Session of the Interloq^r, the Scheme, with the reasons thereof, were read, after which the Protest, with the reasons thereof, against the Scheme were read; then all our other Minuts relative thereunto were read; diverse Brethren and Elders reason'd thereupon *hinc inde;* some were for dropping the debate, others propos'd that a Committee of members of different judgm^ts in this matter may be appointed to draw up a Scheme thereof; others were for consulting our Sessions; others were for debating the whole business at pr'sent; others agreed that the whole affair be referr'd till next Synod.

Mr Mairs suggested that he had drawn up his Thoughts in writing, which he obtain'd leave to read. The paper being read, contain'd several arguments shewing the inexpediency of a delegation. The paper was return'd to him.

Drop.

Several Questions being put, this was made the state of the Vote—Whether drop the Delegation or appoint a Comittee to draw up a Scheme of that Delegation. It was carry'd by the plurality, Drop.

3

Antrim. Derry.

It being mov'd that an affair of considerable moment in dependance between Antrim and Derry Congregations, referr'd by the Prēbry of Antrim to this Synod, that 'tis adviseable this Interloq^r speak on that

matter now; this was agreed to. The Moderator told to the Interloqr that he has a letter from the Ld Massereene to that affair in hand, to be comunicated to this Synod, which he thought not fitt to do till he had consulted the Interloqr. He was desir'd to read the letter; he was allow'd to read it in open Synod.

Order'd, that the affair of Antrim and Derry come in by the Comittee of Bills, and be the first thing consider'd and judg'd in the Synod.

Mr Robert Darroch sent a message by Mr William Kennedy to this Interloqr, viz :—That Mr John Mairs, Mr Will: Gray, and Mr Will: Liviston, Ministers; with Arthur Maxwel, William Shaw, Esqrs, Mr William Keñedy, Ruling Elders, may be allow'd to direct and advise him in his affair. The Question was put—Grant him his desire, or allow him to come in and propose his desire to the Interloqr? It was carry'd, allow him to come into the Interloqr. Then it was put—Allow him now to come in, or refer till Derry affair be discusst? It was carry'd, refer till Antrim and Derry affair be discusst. Mr James Bruce was appointed to signify this to Mr Darroch. Mr Darroch's desire.

Moyra, by Mr William Moor, supplicated this Interloqr to consider the circumstances of that Congregation; also, James McClure, Comr from Glenavy, desir'd the case of that Congregation may be laid before this Interloqr. It being mov'd that an affair relating to Balenderry is referr'd by Belfast Prēbry to this Synod—Order'd, that Moyra and Glenavy desire shall be consider'd when the affair of Balenderry is judg'd by the Synod.

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According to order of last Interloqr, that when Derry business is over, Mr Darroch may be allow'd to come into the Interloquitur and propose his desire—Derry affair being discuss'd, we being inform'd that Mr Darroch desires liberty to come in, which was granted, he repeated what was above desir'd in his name—vizt, that he may confer with some Ministers and Gentlemen as to the method of his management before the Synod. He being removed, after reasoning, it was voted—Whether we will allow Mr Darroch to call some Ministers and Gentmen, who may confer with him? It was carry'd—Allow, with this express caution, that these Ministers and Gentlemen call'd shall not enter on the merits of the cause, or do any thing which may prepossess their judgment. He being call'd in and allow'd to name the Ministers and Gentemen, he nam'd Mr James Bruce, Mr Jo: Harvey, and Mr Will: Livingston, Ministers; and Clotworthy Upton, Arthur Maxwel, Esqrs, Mr Jo: McGill, Mr Will: Moor, Elders, who are allow'd now to go out and confer with him. He is allow'd to call Ministers & Centmen to confer with him.

Breaky—from thence appear'd Mr Hugh Hudson, who being allow'd by the Comittee of Bills to lay his supplication before the Interloqr; in which Supplication it's humbly desir'd that some difference between them and Mr Jo: Lee, about the stating of the account of their arrear to him, may be adjusted by this Synod, in order to their being replanted wth a Minister. The Comr being remov'd, his Suppli- Breaky.

cation was consider'd; also a letter from Mr Lee, shewing that people owes him One Hundred pound. We agree that this Synod consider the desire. The Commr being call'd, was appointed to attend his business to be discusst in the Synod—See Sess: 11 of Synod's Minuts.

Double Proportion of R:D: continu'd to Mr Lee.

To encourage Mr Lee to comply with the advice of the Synod, The Interloqr gives Mr Lee this promise, that his double proportion of R: Donum shall be continu'd to him, according to our promise, anno, 1710; which, by plurality of votes, was carry'd in the affirmative.

5.

From Plunketstreet Session, Mr George Metcaff deliver'd to us their Instructions to him, wherein they appoint him to make an Apology for their not reading the last Synod's letter to the heads of Families belonging to that Congregation, and to ask our advice, what they should do, considering that Mr Woods doth positively refuse to be subject to any Presbytry in the North, or passe his Tryalls before them. The Com̄r being remov'd, the letter of last Synod to that Session and Congregation, together with the resolutions of last Synod in that whole affair, being now read, their Apology for their not reading our letter to the Heads of Families is accepted at this time; yet not to be a precedent for not reading Synodical letters as appointed.

Advice to Plunket-street.

And we agree to adhere to the resolutions laid down by us last year, and, in pursuance of 'em, do advise that session and congregation (seing Mr Woods is not clear to comply with the said resolutions), with all convenient speed, to fix on some other fitt persons, to be a Colleague to Brother Sinclar, who will be subject to us, in which they may expect all proper encouragment and assistance from us. The Com̄r being call'd, this, our conclusion, was read to him.

Mr Alexr McCracken, whose present circumstances make it improper for him to attend the open Synod, having now appear'd at this Interloqr, doth propose:—

1. That the Brethren would take care to put their former resolutions in execution, for assisting the Congregation of Lisburn in defraying the Expense of building their Meeting house.

Mr Alexr McCracken.

2. That, in regard he is ready to give a satisfying account, so far as he was concern'd, of any sum̄ or sum̄s of money receiv'd by him for the use of the Congregation of Lisburn, to such person as this Interloqr shall appoint, that noe reflexions that may be cast on him upon account of any such sum̄ or sum̄s of money receiv'd by him, may be entertain'd, but discourag'd by the Brethren. As to the first, This Interloqr recom̄ends to such congregations as have not yet done any thing for building that Meeting house, may do it with the first conveniency. As to the socond, This Interloqr doth not entertain any suspicion of any misapplication of any sum̄ or sum̄s of money receiv'd by Mr McCracken, therefore they judge it unnecessary to appoint any to call him to account, but leaves it to the Prēbry of Belfast to take such account of him at any time hereafter, as they shall find occasion.

Mr Robt Orr.

Mr Robert Orr desir'd that his Testimonials might be read, and

they were read accordingly. He being remov'd, the Brethren reasoning and giving their knowledg of the young man, did, by great majority, conclude that we will not employ that young man in our bounds.

6.

Mr Alexr Sinclar having propos'd that he, as a member of the Prēbry of Dublin, may not be a member of any Prēbry in the North, for when he fixt, he said it was only to be a member of this Synod. He believs it's expedient to erect a Prēbry at Tara-hill (of which there was some discourse at last Synod). We've giv'n an answer before, that we will adhere to our resolutions concluded at last Synod, in respect of Plunketstreet; and as to the further consid'ration of a Prēbry at Tara-hill, we do not think it seasonable now to medle with that, but refer the consid'ration thereof till next Synod.

Mr Alexr Sinclar.

7.

Enquiry being made, whether the Synod's fixt Comittee met since last Synod, it doth appear that Comittee met in Novemr last. The Minuts being read, whereof the Clerk says he sent a Copy to the respective Prēbries, which is here acknowledg'd by the Brethren, This Interloqr did approve that Comittee's diligence. It was observ'd in reading these Minuts, there was a minut appointing and determining that the members of the Comittee should be paid, each of them three shillings ℘ *diem*, for eight days, in case their endeavrs should prove successfull with respect to R: D; It was voted in the Interloqr—Whether approve the said minut or not? It was carry'd in the negative.

The Synod's Comittee met.

The Comittee own'd it an escape in writing (they determin'd), whereas it was intended only an Overture by them. It was again voted—How much ℘ *diem* (it being just that their Expenses be refunded to them) shall be allow'd to every of those members? It was carry'd that each of them shall have two shillings ℘ *diem*, and the days reasonably they spent in riding to and from Belfast for that purpose.

Their Expense to be refunded to them.

The way how.

Then it was voted—Whether this refunding shall be out of each Prēbry or out of R:D:; yet so, if each Prēbry perform not within three moneths, it shall be defalcate out of the first of R:D: that occurrs. It was carry'd, refund out of the Prēbrys, with the said Proviso; also, six shillings with the same Proviso for the Clerk from each Prēbry, having had great labour in writing and transcribing the minuts of the said Comittee; all which was by vote approv'd.

Mr Francis Iredell reported his negotiation of our affairs at London, and how he observ'd the Instructions giv'n him by the Synod's Comittee, met at Belfast, Nōbr 1711, as far as possibly he could; that he was kindly receiv'd by Sr Alexander Cairns, Dr Williams, Mr Southwell, as also by the Earle of Oxford, Ld High Treasurer, to all whom that Comittee wrot. He humbly concievs it adviseable that letters of Thanks be writ, by appointment of this Interloqr, to the said persons. His diligence was unanimously approv'd, and thanks return'd to him for his service.

Mr Iredell reports his negotiating our affair at London.

Then we enquir'd into his Expence upon the said expedition. He gave a very satisfying account of his frugal management as far as that Expedition could dispense with. There having been Eighty pound lodg'd with Mr Isaac McCartney for managing this affair, and there being Twenty pound fifteen shillings over and above Mr Iredell's Expense, we order the said Twenty pound fifteen shillings, the ballance of the Eighty pound, to Mr Iredell, as a gratuity for his service. The Clerk is to give order to Mr Isaac McCartney to pay the said ballance of the Eighty pounds to Mr Iredell.

Gratify him.

Letters to be writ to Gentmen friends to us.

In regard (by Bro: Iredell's report) we have receiv'd much friendship from Sr Alexander Cairns, Mr Southwell, Dr Williams, Conll Campbell, we agree to express our Sense of their favour to us in letters to be writ by the Moderator to Sr Alexr Cairns; by Mr Bruce and Mr Hutcheson, to Mr Southwell; by Mr Gowan, to Dr Williams; by Mr Tate, to Conll Campbell; and by the Moderator, to the E: of Oxford.

Mr Nath: Orr.

Mr Nathaniel Orr has satisfy'd the Interloqr with the reasons of his dimission of his Charge at Galway, we do not see cause of making farther Enquiry into it; this the Moderator is to signify in open Synod, Mr Orr having signify'd the same to the Comittee for the Fund when he gave in his accounts.

Fixt Comittee.

Touching a fixt Comittee to be appointed by the Interloqr to meet when call'd on Emergents relating to this Church, the several Prēbrys were appointed to withdraw, and chuse such whom they may name as members they propose to be of the Comittee; who, returning, nam'd the following Brethren:—

The Membrs of that Comittee.

From the Prēbry of Ardmagh, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr George Lang, Mr Gilbert Keñedy; from Monahan, Mr John McGachy, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr James Tate; from Colerain, Mr James McGregor, Mr James Woodsyde, Mr Robert Higginbotham; from Tyrone, Mr John Thomb, Mr Thomas Keñedy, junr, Mr Archbald Boyd; from Derry, Mr Thomas Winsley, Mr William Gray, Mr John Stirling; from Convoy, Mr William Holmes, senr, Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr Francis Laird; from Down, Mr James Bruce, Mr John Mairs, Mr Thomas Orr; from Antrim, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Brown, Mr John Abernethy; from Belfast, Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr Patrick Adair, Mr Thomas Gowan: which nomination was approv'd.

If any member of this Comittee fail, the Prēbry whereof he is a member, being duely appris'd that he cannot go, shall send one in his room; the Clerk of the Synod to be a member of the Comittee. Whatever light or Instructions these members of the Comittee can have from their Prēbrys, they shall take them, yet not so as to restrict them, because something not foreseen by the Prēbrys or members of the Comittee may fall in when the Comittee meets. Any fourteen to be a Quorum, to meet at Belfast when call'd by our Dublin Brethren, Mr Francis Iredell, Mr Alexandr Sinclar, and Mr Robert Craghead, who are to signify to Mr Bruce, Mr Hutcheson, and Mr Holmes, senr (thereby the three Synods will be advertis'd), the causes of calling the said Comittee. These Brethren are to signify those causes to the several Prēbrys. The whole of this minut was, by an unanimous vote, approv'd.

To meet at Belfast when call'd by Mr Iredell, &c.

The Moderator was appointed to write to my Ld Massereene, and shew that his L^d^sp's letter had influence on the Synod. That letter was writ, read, and approv'd.

It being voted—Whether Mr Nathaniel Orr (having noe Pastoral Charge) should enjoy the benefit of Reg: Donum after the twenty fourth day of of this instant, June? It was carry'd in the negative. Mr Nath: Orr not to get R:D:

Mr Alexander Sinclar sent a letter to the Moderator, to be comunicate to the Brethren, in which he desires that our Minut relating to Plunketstreet may be alter'd; that a letter may be writ to that Session; that Enquiry may be made what the several Brethren have collected for the French Church in Dublin, which was recomended by last Synod; that a fitt person may be thought of who may be sent to America, and Twenty pounds to be advanc'd to him for defraying his Charges in going thither. He also desir'd that his proportion of Reg: Donum may be employ'd in encouraging that good work of preaching to the Irish. This letter, and the several particulars thereof, being consider'd, it was agreed that the Moderator and Clerk do write to Plunketstreet Session what is consistent with our minut, Sess: 5th of Interloq^r^. Mr Alex^r^ Sinclar's letter answer'd and

As to his Reg: Donum seeing he will not take it, he may apply it to what pious use he pleases. We agree that each Prēbry enquire into what has been collected and transmitted to Mr Isaac M^c^Cartney for the French Church in Dublin, and who've not collected are exhorted speedily to do it, and what so collected to be sent to Mr Isaac M'Cartney, according to appointment of last Synod. What further relates to America see in Synod Minuts.

THE COMITTEE OF OVERTURES OVERTUR'D AS FOLLOWETH:—

1. That all Ministers who have entred into the Ministry since Ministers and Preachers were oblig'd to take the Oath of Abjuration, and who've not taken the same, be advis'd (if they have clearness to do it) to take it as soon and in as private a way as they can—viz., in one of the four Courts of Dublin; and if any have any scruples about taking it, they be advis'd to converse with such as may be clear in their judgment, and that the same advice be giv'n to all our Probationers. Advise such as are clear for the Oath to take it.

2. With reference to the payment of the Synod's Comittee that sat at Belfast last year—whereas, it was agreed that two shillings ℔ *diem* to each member thereof by the Prēbrys whereof they are members; and upon the Prēbrys' non-payment at the next meeting after that at which the Comittee members make application for payment, in that case they are to be pay'd out of the Reg: Donum belonging to the Prēbry. We overture that the Clerk of the Synod be oblig'd to leave an Order with our Treasurer to pay the members of the said Comittee the aforesaid sum out of next quarter of Reg: Donum, unless the Clerks of the Prēbry certify him by a line that they've paid their proportion otherways. These two overtures were approv'd. Pay the Synod's Com: met in 9^ber^ last.

'Tis further Overtur'd, that the Overture of the Synod of Belfast

concerning the Compiling the History of this Church be seriously considered, which Overture is in the following words:—

Compile the History of this Church.

Whereas, an History of this Church were very desireable, and all attempts for writing it have prov'd unsuccessfull, which is chiefly owing to two causes, as we humbly conceive—vizt, want of due care to preserve publick papers that have been drawn in this Church, and neglecting to collect 'em into one book, and not giving due assistance to those Brethren to whom the Compiling the said History was comitted; and whereas Mr John McBride was the person to whom it was last comitted by the General Synod, we Overture for making the said Overture effectual:—

1. That Mr James Kirkpatrick, in regard of his being so near him, may be desir'd to assist M^{r} McBride, and that he may be allow'd to call adjacent Brethren, or any members of this Synod, to review what may be compil'd, or assist with their advice in managing the same.

2. That M^{r} McBride be allow'd to employ an amanuensis at the Charge of this Synod.

3. That all members who've any publick papers that may be usefull for this work do, with the first conveniency, send 'em to M^{r} McBride; that letters be writ by this Synod to all the Prebrys of Monahan and Derry Synods to do the same.

4. That this Synod Overture to the General Synod that they at each Synod appoint one or more, as they see fitt, to collect the History of each ensueing year, and present it to the following Synod, and this to be continu'd annually.

Overt. 2.—That this Interloq^{r} of Belfast Synod Overture that they may think of a way of keeping up a correspondence with the Church of Scotland in a prudent and safe maner, which two Overtures were well approv'd; also, it was Overtur'd that prudent Measures be thought of for keeping up Correspondence with the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and that this Synod send one of their number to next Assembly, and that one be sent out of each of the particular Synods [*] there be a way laid down for corresponding with our Brethren and Friends in London, by letter or otherwise, as shall be found most convenient. The Comittee of Overtures do now Overture these particulars. It was agreed that they be transmitted to the Prebrys, who may be ripen'd for a decisive judgment at the next General Synod's Interloq^{r}.

Also this following Overture from the Synod of Monahan, vizt:—In regard it appears to us that the appointing of extraordinary Comittees of distant members to determine the most weighty Matters properly cognizable by particular Synods and Prebries, hath very much weakned the authority of those ordinary judicatories and increas'd the number of groundless appeals, to the multiplying of needless Trouble to the General Synod; and especially considering that it's most reasonably to be presum'd that such who dwell nearest to the place where such differences happen, are in least danger to be impos'd upon, and most capable of discerning truth in such differences—We do, therefore, Overture that all matters proceed in the orderly and regular course of discipline, wthout such needless and extraordinary delegations, whose

[* Two or three words here are not decipherable.]

authority and constitution, we think, is lyable to very just exceptions; or, if any such Comittee be hereafter appointed, let 'em consist of more members than the judicatry whose work they assume, or whose actings they judge, otherwise the smaller number will judge the greater, contrary to the Fundamentals of our Constitution.

This Comittee is humbly of opinion that a certain rule cannot be made in thos cases, but think that the members of the Synod of Monahan, or any other Synod, may, upon all occasions, when the General Synod appoints any Comittee of the Synod which they think is not duely constitute, may put in their objection against the same.

The Comittee of Funds made the following report with reference to what is due by the Fund to the respective Congrgations; also there's subjoyn'd how much and to whom the annext Sums are payable for this Current year. Com: of Funds.

The Minuts of last Synod upon this affair were read.

Enquiry was made whether Mr Samuel Henry receiv'd what is due to him for the years 1710 and 1711; he owns the receit of Twelve pound and Eleven pence, so there remains due to him Seven pound nineteen shilling one penny from Derry Prēbry. Mr S. Henry.

Mr Brice Blair was askt if he paid five pound to Mr Anderson, according to Order of last Synod. He answer'd he has not paid that money, noe publick money being in his hand. Mr Anderson.

Mr Blair reports that he, by Order from Mr Craford, pursuant to an Act of the Interloqr, paid to Mr Nathll Orr fourteen pounds in part of Twenty pound due to him on account of Galway; that he also paid, according to order, Twenty pound to Majr Handcock, for which he produc'd a receit. Mr Nath: Orr. Majr Handcock

It was enquir'd whether Down Prēbry has paid to Galway fourteen pound; they promist to make a report at next Session. Down Prēbry.

Mr James Wallace (of Moywater) receiv'd one pound from Mr Gray for Derry Prēbry, and Twelve pound eight shillings four pence for the Prēbry of Convoy, for the year 1711, and fifteen pound for the same Prēbry for this year ending at this present June; all which appears by his acquittance; rest's due to him, One pound Eleven shilling Eight pence. Mr Ja: Wallace.

Due to Mr Hugh Henry, of Drogheda, by Derry Prēbry, Twelve pound for 1710; nothing paid. Due by Mr Brice Blair, ninteen pound ten shilling, whereof is paid two pound ten shilling. Due by Belfast Prēbry, forty pound, whereof is paid Ten pound; rest's due to him by the Synod, fifty Eight pound ten shillings. Mr Hu: Henry, Droheda.

Due to Mr Fulk Whyte, by Antrim Prēbry, Ten pound; nothing paid. Mr Whyte.

Due to Mr James Blair, by Antrim Prēbry, six pound five shilling; nothing payd. Also, to Mr Anderson, of Edenderry, fifteen pound; nothing paid. Mr Ja: Blair. Edenderry.

Due to Moyra, by Down Prēbry, three pound fifteen shilling; nothing paid. To VenyCash, Nine pound; nothing payd. To Kirk- Moyra, Veni-Cash, Kirk-donell, Galway.

doñald, four pound; nothing paid. To Galway, fourteen pound ten shilling; nothing paid.

Golan, Inniskilling.

Due to Galway, by Monahan Prēbry, five pound ten shilling; paid. To Golan, Ten pound; nothing paid. To Inniskilling, fifteen pound; nothing paid.

Lurgan.

Due to Lurgan, by Ardmagh Prēbry, Twenty pound; nothing paid. To Droheda Meetinghouse, thirteen pound; paid.

Dundalk. Badoni.

Due to Dundalk, by Tyrone Prēbry, ten pound; nothing payd. To Badoni, [four pound ten shilling; nothing paid. To Droheda Meetinghouse, seven pound; paid.

Golan.

Due to Golan, by Derry Prēbry, for three years, Thirty pound; nothing paid. To Droheda, twelve pound; nothing paid.

Stranorlan.

Due to Stranorlan, by Convoy Prēbry, six pound ten shilling; fifteen shilling two pence paid. Rest's due, five pound fourteen shilling and tenpence.

Athlone. Glen.

Due to Mr Whyte, by Colerain, two pound ten shilling; not paid. To Athlone, ten pound; not paid. To Mr Stewart, of Glen, Nine pound; he is to bring in his Account.

The Comittee of Funds enquir'd how Accounts stand with Mr Nathaniel Orr, since his going to Galway; he gave in the following Account. Our Records shew that Mr Orr' Comenc'ment at Galway was Augt, 1707, his dimission was giv'n in to Down Prēbry in October, and accepted by the said Prēbry in March, 1710.

Imprs.

Mr N: Orr's Account in the Affair of Galway.

Fund Debr to Mr Nathaniel Orr on account of Galway.

from Augt 1707 to Augt 1708,	20	0	0
from Augt 1708 to Augt 1709,	20	0	0
from Augt 1709 to Augt 1710,	20	0	0
Due him for supplying Galway before his settlement there,	16	0	0
	76	0	0

Fund Credr.

Paid to Mr Orr by Synod's Comittee,	6	1	6
Feb: 708, by Order of Synod	10	0	0
June 7, 709, by Order of Synod of Derry,	10	0	0
7r27, 709, by Order of Synod, but paid to Mr Mairs,	10	0	0
June 27, 711, by Order of Synod,	10	0	0
June 21, 712, by Order of Synod,	4	0	0
from Down Prēbry,	20	0	0
	70	1	6

Belfast, June 26th, '712.

N: ORR.

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Mr Brice Blair to get Credit for Three pound of the ballance due to Mr Nathaniel Orr, on account of Mr Biggar, who paid that sum to Mr Nathaniel Orr; remains due to him by Mr Blair two pound Eighteen shilling Six pence, ten shilling being paid to Killinshy.

The Comittee return'd their conclusion, to be laid before the

[* Word not decipherable.]

Interloqr, as follows, Considring Major Handcock's Supplication, vizt :—That Twenty pounds due to Mr Samuel Dunlop, of Athlone, out of the Fund, for those two years now expir'd, to be paid to him without delay, for several weighty reasons—Mr Stewart also supplicated for his debt—it's concluded that the Money got up for answering the said debts being in Town, as to part of it, according to Mr McGregor's Information, be paid to those two proportionably, viz:—Two thirds to Majr Handcock, for the use of Mr Dunlop, and one Third to Mr Stewart.

Mr Nathaniel Orr produc'd a Vindication of himself, as to his Behavior in Galway, which is accepted.

Mr James Kirkpatrick reports that he advanc'd formerly, for a Supply to Droheda, three pounds ten shillings, whereas, in our records there is only set down two pounds ten shillings.

Order'd, that the several Prēbries pay up their arrears to the several persons appointed, Anno, 1711.

Order'd, that, for the year 1712, there be paid by the several Prēbries:—

£35	0	0	—By Belfast to Droheda, wholly	35	0	0								
25			—by Down to Galway,	20	0	0 ;	to Kirkdonald,	4	0	0 ;	to Moyra,	1	0	0
25			—by Antrim to Edenderry,	15	0	0 ;	to Moyra,	9	0	0 ;	to Droheda,	1	0	0
28			—by Ardmagh to Lurgan,	15	0	0 ;	to VeniCash,	9	0	0 :	to LoghGall,	4	0	0
16			—by Tyrone to Golan,	8	0	0 ;					to LoghGall,	8	0	0
25			—by Monahan to Belturbett,	12	10	0 ;		22	0	0	to Inniskills	12	10	0
19			—by Colerain to Athlone,	10	0	0 ;					to Mr Stuart,	9	0	0
25			—by Derry to Slego,	10	0	0 ;					to Moywater	15	0	0
				125	10	0						50	10	0
16			—by Convoy to Badoni, Stranorlan, Pittigo, Kilmacrenan, Clandevadock, to be distributed as the Prēbry sees fitt,									22	0	0
214	0	0										125	10	0
												£208	0	0

Approv'd.

Ordred, that the Clerk search Mr Blair's book, and find out what deficiencies there are in each Prēbry, of their several proportions of the Fund for 1710, and write an account, in name of this Synod, to the respective Prēbries, appointiug them to transmit the same as soon as possible to Mr Blair, who is to pay out of that to Droheda, Athlone, Edenderry, and to Mr McClement, for supplying Galway, and to all others to whom it's due for that year. Approv'd.

Finding, that of the last Synod's Order touching the Fund, the dependants on it have a very great arrear due to 'em, we Overture to recomend to the several Prēbries to take effectual care that the said arrears be paid with all expedition.

Also overtur'd, that each Prēbry, to render the Fund effectual, do

make a dividend of their respective proportions upon the several Congregations, at their first Sederunt, upon the receit of the Minuts.

Order'd, for the payment of Ten pound to Dundalk, for the year 1712, Belfast Prēbry pay Three pound; Down Prēbry pay four pound; Antrim pay Three pound, and one pound due to Mr Kirkpatrick.

Also order'd, for the payment of four pound to Droheda, Ardmagh pay two pound, Derry pay two pound. This over and above what is concluded in the above Scheme.

Transcrib'd by

AND: CRAFORD,

Cl: Syn: Gll.

Sess: 1a

A Synod at Antrim, June 23rd, 1713.

Mr James Kirkpatrick having open'd this Synod by preaching on 1 Tim:, 5 : 17, and, after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Genll Synod :—

MONAGHAN.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Mr William Ambrose	James McCome
Robert Colthart	Samuel Wachop
Umphry Thompson	Thomas Campbell
Josias Cornwall	Thomas Thompson
William Hair	Thomas Allen
Samuel MaGachy	

COLERAIN.

Mr James Stewart	
Robert Neilson	
Thomas Stirling	William Wyly
Robert Haltridg	Mr Galland
Henry Neile	Cornelius Campbell
William Boyd	James Hemphill
Robert Higginbotham	

DERRY.

Mr John Harvy	Richard Jones
Thomas Wynsly	Richard Nisbitt
David Wilson	John Brown
John Stirling	William Wilson
John Ball	Roger Keys
James Blair	Walter Marshall

CONVOY.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Mr Holmes, Senr	
Samuel Henry	
Seth Drumond	
Samuel Dunlop	
Charles Lynd	
James Wallace	

DOWN.

Mr James Bruce	Gawin Paterson
John Gawdy	Thomas Williamson
Henry Hamilton	Hugh MaGown
John Mairs	Samuel Wilson
Thomas Orr	James Murray
Samuel Shenan	William Reid
James McAlpin	
William Biggar	John Steel
William Smith	John Chalmers
James Reid	John Cudbert
Hugh Ramsey	
Archbald Dickson	Alexr Robb
Thomas Nevin	Hugh Brown

ANTRIM.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Mr Fulk Whyte	Charles Brown
William Taylor	Jos: Dun
Stafford Pettigrw	George Williams
William Leech	John Thompson
Alexander Brown	Malcom Craford
John Abernethy	
Charles Masterton	
William Liviston	Clot: Upton, Esqr
James Crichton	Mr John Mitchell
Thomas Shaw	Robert Harper
Thomas Wilson	John Park

BELFAST.

Mr McBride	Samll Smith
John Malcom	Will: Pollock
James Kirkpatrick	Ja: Arbuckle
James Cobham	Jo: Moor
Robert Sinclar	Thomas Boyle
Thomas Gowan	John Gawdy
Charles Seton	Geo: Bety
James Stewart	Ja: Smith
Robert Craghead	
Michael Bruce	Mr Arth: Kenedy

TYRONE.

Ministers	Rul: Elders.
Mr John Thomb	Rob: McDug
Henry Crooks	John Sloan
Baptist Boyd	
Thomas Kenedy, jun	John Boyd
John McClave	Adam Lynd
Archd Boyd	John O' Cahan
Thomas Miligan	Geo: Glasgow
David Thomb	Jo: Lawson

ARDMAGH.

Mr Moses Cherrie	Geo: Eward
Alexr Colvill	Mr Jo: McGill
John Wilson	
George Lang	James Straight
Samuel Young	Gilbert Gray
Gilbert Kenedy	Nathll Montgomery
Robert Rainey	Hugh McKibbin
James Johnston	Jo: Syminton
Will: McKay	
James Moor	James Paxton
Robert Gordon	Robert Davidson
Thomas Anderson	
Hugh Wallace	
Samll Halyday	
And: Craford	Mr Ja: Martin

Modr chosen.

Mr Kirkpatrick, the former Moderator, desir'd that a new Modr may be chosen, and gave a Leet of the following Brethren, vizt:—Mr Malcom, Mr Hamilton, Mr Colvill, Mr Whyte, Mr Gawdy, Mr John Thomb, Mr John Harvey, Mr Haltridg, Mr Seth Drummond—that one of them may be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Every of those Brethren being heard why another should be chosen; and, after giving their vote, were remov'd. The Roll being call'd, Mr Colvill was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator.

Clerk continu'd.

And: Craford was continu'd Clerk. He was allow'd to have two assistants, Mr John Wilson, Mr Alexr Brown.

Reasons of delaying the meeting of this Synod till now.

Whereas, this Synod hath not met at the time appointed by the former Synod, the reason of this being askt, Mr Kirkpatrick, former Moderator, made report that he being appris'd of a day of Thanksgiving appointed by the Government, to be observ'd in this Kingdom, on the Sixteenth day of this instant June, the very day which the former Synod appointed for this Synod's meeting, he, therefore, wrot circular letters to the respective Prēsbries, and overtur'd to them the expediency of delaying the Meeting of this Synod till the fourth Tuesday of June, being the Twenty third day, as first within written, to which overture the said Prēsbries agreed; on which account this Synod approv'd the delay of our meeting till now.

A motion was agreed to, that there be three Comittees—one for Overtures, one for Bills, and one for revising Sub-Synod books; hereby the business of this Synod will be more orderly brought into the Synod, and have the more quick dispatch.

The several Prēbries were appointed, immediately after this Sederunt, to chuse their members (Ministers and Ruling Elders) of the said Comittees, and return their names in write to our Clerk, at the next Sederunt of this Synod. Chuse Membrs of 3 Coms.

Ordered, that all the members, Ministers and Ruling Elders, of this Synod, do meet in this place to morrow morning, at seven of the clock, and continue till nine, for imploring divine assistance in managing what affairs may be brought into this Synod. Then we adjourn'd till nine of the clock to-morrow morning. Meet to-morrow Morning for prayr.

This Sedert concluded by prayr.

Die Mercur: horâ 9a ante merid: Roll being call'd after prayr, Sess: 2a.

Sederunt qui Supra.

According to order, the Ministers and Elders met, and observ'd the time appointed, from 7 to 9 a clock, in prayr to God. The Presbytrys return'd the names of those whom they desire to be appointed members of the said Comittees, and are as follrs:— The Brn met for prayr.

THE COMITTEE FOR OVERTURES.

From Monaghan Prēsbry,	Mr Umphry Thomson, Mr Robert Colthart,	Ministers.
From Colerain,	Mr Haltridg, Mr Wm Boyd, Mr Tho: Stirling,	Ministers.
From Derry,	Mr Jo: Harvy, Mr Wynsley,	Ministers.
From Convoy,	Mr Holmes, Senr, Mr Drummond,	Ministers.
From Down,	Mr Mairs, Mr Sheñan, Mr Smith, Mr McAlpin,	Ministers.
From Belfast,	Mr McBride, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Gowan,	Ministers.
From Antrim,	Mr White, Mr Shaw, Mr Crichton,	Ministers.
From Tyrone,	Mr Jo: Thomb, Mr Crooks,	Ministers.
From Ardmagh,	Mr Cherrie, Mr Gilbt Keñedy, Mr Rainey,	Ministers.

Each Minister to have his Elder joyning in the said Comittee.

The Moderator and Clerk to joyn in this Comittee, also Mr Craghead and Mr Halyday, junr.

For Bills.

From the Prēsbry of Monaghan, Mr Ambrose, Mr Samll McGahine.
From Colerain, Mr Ja: Stewart, Mr Higginbotham.
From Derry, Mr David Wilson, Mr Blair.
From Convoy, Mr Henry, Mr Wallace.
From Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Orr, Mr Reid.
From Belfast, Mr Malcom, Mr Cobham, Mr Mich: Bruce.
From Antrim, Mr Taylor, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Livingston.
From Tyrone, Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Tho: Keñedy, junr.
From Ardmagh, Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Lang, Mr Young, Mr Johnston.

} Ministers. Each Minister to have his Elder joyning in the said Comittee.

For Revising Sub-Synod Books.

From Monaghan, Mr Cornwall, Mr Hair.
From Colerain, Mr Neilson, Mr Neil.
From Derry, Mr Jo: Stirling, Mr Ball.
From Convoy, Mr Lynd, Mr Dunlop.
From Down, Mr Biggar, Mr Dickson, Mr Nevin.
From Belfast, Mr Stewart, Mr Sinclar, Mr Seton.
From Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Brown, Mr Masterton, Mr Wilson.
From Tyrone, MrMilikin, Mr Archbd Boyd, Mr David Thomb, Mr McClave.
From Ardmagh, Mr McKay, Mr Moor, Mr Anderson, Mr Gordon, Mr Hugh Wallace.

} Ministers, with their Elders.

The Books are now to be deliver'd to the Comittee for Books. The respective Clerks are to attend their Books when revis'd.

Derry book not here.

Derry Synod made report, that their book is not here. Mr Wynsly, a member of that Synod, told this Synod that he has a letter from Mr Willm Gray, Clerk to their Synod, signifying that his indisposition is the occasion of his absence from this Synod; and the reason he gives for not sending the book is, lest it should be miscarry'd. The Synod sustains the reason of Mr Gray's absence, but not the reason for not sending the book. The further consideration of this was referr'd till next Synod. The Clerk of Belfast Synod deliver'd the book belonging to that Synod.

Monahan book not here.

The Clerk of Monaghan Synod made report, that he has the minuts of that Synod here, but they are not engrosst in the book. The

reason he gave was the indisposition of his family, by which he could not have time to engross the minuts. His reason was sustain'd. It was mov'd and agreed to, for the better ordering the Records of this Church, that the Committee for Overtures overture to this Synod what to be done in the case.

'Twas appointed, that the Comittee of Overtures meet in the retiring house, and the Comittee of Bills meet in this house after this Seder^t, and then adjourn themselves from time to time, so that business may be brought into the Synod seasonably.

Seeing there is but one book here to be revis'd, Order'd, that the members of the Comittee for revising Monahan book shall joyn with the Comittee for Overtures; and the members of the Comittee for revising Derry book shall joyn with the Comittee of Bills.

Rules to be observ'd.

For the more orderly and expeditious management of Synodical business, 'twas recomended to all the members of this Synod carefully to observe our known rules for preserving order.

Absent from last Synod, Mr William Hair, who, for his reasons now given, was excus'd.

Absents excus'd.

Absent from last Synod and this, and not excus'd:—Mr John Maior. Absent from this Synod, excus'd:—Mr Lee, Wm Cornwall, Jo: McGahy, Ja: Tate, Alex^r Fleming, Sam: Dunlop, Math: Clark, Ja: Woodsyd, Will: Howston, Neil Gray, Rob: Campbell, And: Ferguson, Will: Gray, Sam: Halyday, Tho: Craghead, Fran: Laird, Jo: Dunlop, David Ferlie, Nath^ll Orr, Jo: Frieland, Alex^r McCracken, Jo: Riddell, Pat: Adair, Jo: Campbell, Tho: Futt, Jo: Abernethy, Char: Masterton, Alex^r Sinclar, Fran: Iredell, Ja: Maxwell, Hugh Henry, Rob: Wirlin, Ja: M'Grigor, Tho: Harvey, Hans: Stewart, Will: Holmes, jun^r, Rob: Wilson, Alex^r McCracken, Tho: Keñedy, sen^r, Arch^d McClane, Jo: Hutcheson, Cha: Wallace, Ja: Fleming.

Ministers dead since last Synod.

Dead since last Synod:—Mr Alex^r Orr, of Clogh, in the Prēsbry of Rout, on the first day of May.

Mr Ogilvie, of Larne, in the Prēbry of Antrim, on the twelfth day of September.

Mr John Boyd, of Benburb, in the Prēbry of Tyrone, on the sixteenth day of October.

Ordain'd, &c., since last Synod.

Install^d, Ordain'd, Licens'd, Entred on Tryalls since last Synod:— Derry Prēbry Install'd M^r Ja: Blair, in the Congregation of Derry, on the second day of June; Licens'd Mr Vict: Ferguson; Entred Mr Isaac Taylor and Rob: Cross on first Tryalls.

Ardmagh Prēbry ordain'd Mr Hugh Wallace at LoghGall, October 10th.

Monahan licens'd Mr Rob: Rutherfort. Colerain licens'd Mr Robert Sturgeon, Alex^r Moor, Andrew Dean, Ja: Thomson, Jo: Cochren; Entred M^r Jo: Porter on second Tryalls.

Belfast licens'd Mr Nehemiah Donnaldson, Mr Francis Ross, and Mr Thom: Cobham.

Ardmagh licens'd M^r Jo: Thomson, and entred Mr Pat^k Simson

(whom they invited to come from Scotland) on 2d Tryalls. Mr John Holmes produc'd to this Synod an Extract of his Licence from the Prēsby of Lanerk, in Scotland, to preach as a Probaōner, as also his Testimonials for his good conversation, both which were read, and well approv'd by this Synod. 'Tis agreed that any Prēbry within the bounds of this Synod may invite and intertain him as their Probationer as occasion requires.

Quest: at Ordination.

The Questions at Ordination are not yet transmitted, thô last Synod appointed our Clerk to send them to the respective Prēbries. Mr Kirkpatrick made report that the papers containing these questions, which were read in Synod An° 1711, have been mislaid by him, but resolves that Mr Bruce and he will produce the questions materially, and read them *coram* before the conclusion of this Synod. Ordered, that these papers be prepar'd and produc'd, as is now propos'd, when the Synod calls for 'em

The Act deposing Mr Rob: Darroch was read.

In reading the minuts of last Synod, wherein there is an Act for deposing Mr Robt Darroch (for the reasons inserted in the said Act) from the office of the Holy Ministry, Mr Alexr Sinclar and Mr Tate were appointed to read the Act of Deposition in the Congregation of Monaghan. It was also order'd that the said Act should be read in all the Congregations belonging to this Synod, whether they've fixt ministers or are vacant. Inquiry was now made, whether the said apptment has been observ'd. A letter from Bro: Sinclar was now read, shewing that Mr Tate and he obey'd the appointment, and the several Prēbries made report that the Act was read in their respective congregations.

Derry supply'd.

All the Brethren appointed by last Synod to supply the Congregation of Londonderry, obey'd the appointment, except Mr Robert Rainey and Mr Tho: Shaw. Mr Rainey being call'd, gave this reason, that he was willing to obey the apptment, but the Prēbry of Ardmagh, whereof he is a member, advis'd him not to go; whereupon the Prēbry was askt the reason of their so advising him, answer'd that they were of opinion that the Synod's design in appointing supplies to Derry was fulfill'd, seeing Mr James Blair was transported to Derry by the Synod's Comittee on the 15th day of Aprile, and therefore noe further supply was to be sent to Derry after the said Transportation being determin'd. For justifying this reason of their advice, they referr'd to the minuts of last Synod relative to the said appointment, and to the petition of the Congregāōn of Derry, both which were read; then both Mr Rainey and the Prēbry being remov'd, the following Questions were put:— 1. Whether Mr Rainey shall be excus'd for not supplying Derry for the reasons giv'n by him? It was carry'd, excuse him. 2. Whether this Synod doth approve the advice giv'n him by the Prēbry of Ardmagh? It carry'd, not approve. We agreed to exhort that Prēbry to be more cautious for the future, and not to give advice to any of their members contrary to a Synodical appointment. They being call'd in this was intimated to 'em.

After which, Mr Tho: Shaw being call'd, was askt his reason why he did not obey the apptment, he being apped to supply Derry for the month of June. He answer'd, that being appris'd that Mr Blair was install'd in Derry in the same moneth, therefore he did not go. He was excus'd.

The late General Synod having appointed a Comittee of Ministers and Elders to meet at Colerain, when call'd by Derry Prēbry, in order to planting Derry Congregation with Gospel Ordinances, it appears that a Comittee did meet, the minuts whereof being read, did signify that the said Comittee did unanimously transport Mr Blair from Moyra to Derry. That Comittee's diligence was approv'd. The Comittee at Colerain transported Mr Blair from Moyra to Derry.

Understanding by the minuts of that Comittee that several of the appointed members of that Comittee were absent, this was enquir'd into. Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Sam: McGachine, Mr Sheñan, Mr Pettigrew, for their reasons giv'n, were excus'd. Mr McGrigor and Mr Holmes, junr, are now absent. Those Brethren are to be askt their reasons afterward; and several of the appointed Elders being absent, the respective Sessions are to call them to accot. Mr Upton, now present, gave the reasons of his absence from that Comittee, and was excus'd. The absents from that Comittee to be call'd to account.

Then we adjourn'd till 5; the comittees to meet at 3; all the Brethren to meet imediately in an Interloqr. This Sedert concluded by pray'r.

Die Mercur: horâ 5a post merid: After pray'r, Roll being called, Sess: 3a.

Sedert qui supra.

The late Synod having appointed supplies to Galway congregation, all the appted supplyers obey'd the appointmt, except Mr Holmes, who fell sick and died. Mr Alexr Hamilton is now supplying that place; what further relates to that place to be consider'd. Galway supply'd.

Breaky.—The former Synod appointed the Prēbry of Monahan to be at due diligence to get up to Mr Lee what was concluded by last Synod. It was now enquir'd how the appointment has been observ'd. Mr Umphry Thompson, a member of that Prēbry, made report that considerable pains have been taken in that matter, but without successe. Mr Pettigrew acquainted the Synod that he has a letter from Mr Lee, signifying his great loss by that people not paying him. This affair was referr'd till afterward. Breaky.

The minut of last Synod in reference to Mr John Wilson, Carlinford, and Narrow-water, was read. Report was made that the appointment was obeyd. Carlinford.

Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's Widow, did supplicate for performance of what the late Synod appointed for her (her circumstances requiring an addition). The minut of last Synod being read, did shew that each minister of this Synod should give her a shilling, and that she continue under the care of Rout Prēbry. It appears that the appointed money has not been paid to her. Order'd, that the Clerk of each Prēbry shall receive one shilling from every minister of his Prēbry and pay it to her; that the same allowance continue to her for the ensueing year, and that she continue under the care of Rout Prēbry. Mrs Gilchrist, Charity.

Mr Ja: Ross, of Derry, recomended by last Synod to the several Prēbries to give him charity, he being call'd, made report that he has not receiv'd from all the Prēbries. Order'd, that those who have not giv'n their Charity to him do it with their first conveniency. Mr Ross, Charity.

Ahalow.

Ahalow and BellymaGraan.—Report was made that, according to app^{t}ment of last Synod, the Prēbry of Tyrone, with Correspond^{ts}, met for the determination of that affair depending 'twixt Ahalow and BellymaGraan, & made a determination.

The Synod being inform'd that some Gen^{t}men have business with the Synod of Monahan, do attend. That Synod is appointed to meet for discussing such affair on which these Gen^{t}men do attend.

Monaghan supply'd.

All the supplies appoint'd by last Synod to Monahan were perform'd, except Colrain Prēbry, who supply'd only two Sabbaths—the supplyer falling sick, returned to his own house; and Convoy did not supply; the reason giv'n was that they app^{t}ed Mr Alex^{r} McCracken to supply, and they gave him seasonable advertisement that he was appointed.

App^{t}ments to be laid on Br^{n} when present.

Understanding that often disappointments to people arise from appointments laid on Brethren that are absent when they are appointed, Ordered, that Prēbries lay appointments on Brethren who are present, which may happily prevent congregations being disappointed.

Balenderry.

The late Synod having, on a Refer from the Synod of Belfast, appointed the Prēbry of Belfast, with Correspond^{ts} from Down and Antrim Prēbries, to circumscribe the bounds of a new Erection in Balenderry and MahreGell, Report was made that the said Prēbry, with Correspond^{ts}, met, but that affair is not yet come to an issue having delay'd for prudential reasons. The appointm^{t} is renew'd.

Philadelphia supply'd wth a Min^{r} elsewhere.

Mr Robert Holmes, Probaōn^{r}, chosen by last Synod to go to Philadelphia (upon application made to us for that purpose) is dead; and Mr Kirkpatrick reports that for that reason, and some accounts he had from Dublin, that the Ministers of the Prēbry of Philadelphia were supply'd with some other Ministers since the said application made to us; and our former appointm^{t}, that some Brethren should use diligence to get up the Twenty pound recomēnded to be rais'd for that particular service, made no progress in it, for which reasons the said Brethren were excus'd.

Amendm^{t} to a former Act.

A Minut in former Synod to this purpose, members are not oblig'd to vote without previous reasoning in the publick hearing of parties, thus to be amended—Parties having deliver'd what they have upon the subject are to be remov'd, then the judicatory to allow full reasoning on the matter before they come to a vote.

Return in write how Synodical app^{t}ments are obey'd.

It being agreed by last Synod that every Synod and Prēbry upon whom any appointm^{ts} are laid by the Synod shall bring an acco^{t} of their observing the same to the first Seder^{t} of the ensueing Gen: Synod, and deliver it to the Clerk of the Synod *in scriptis;* this appointment has not been observ'd in this Synod. The app^{t}ment was renew'd—vizt, the Sub-Synods and Prēbries are punctually to observe this in the Ensueing and all the subsequent Synods.

An overture of the Synod of Belfast of an Act concerning publick censure of scandalous persons being read, was approv'd, *nem: contradic:*, and is as follows:—

Act for censuring notorious Sinners in presence of the Congregations offended thereby

Whereas, it's agreeable to the Word of God, and the laudable custom of the purest Primitive and best reform'd Churches, that persons guilty of notorious scandalous sins should be openly rebukt and censur'd before the respective congregations offended by such scandalous sins; and whereas the stubborn, refractory tempers of many of these scandalous persons, and in others the want of a due acquaintance with the rules of this wholesome discipline, have, in our circumstances, occasion'd a disuse of the same in many places in this Church, to the great regrate of faithfull Ministers, and of all in general who have a true zeal for the Glory of God and the good of precious Immortal souls, by which disuse the hands of these are weakned, who, against many difficulties, have continu'd in the aforesaid comendable practice of publick censures, while scandalous offenders plead the practice of such places where it's disus'd as a precedent for excusing them from such publick rebukes.

And whereas a lamentable decay of true Piety and practical Religion, and many instances of abounding Prophanity in most places, have provok'd a Holy and Just God to threaten us with dreadfull impending judgments, whereby Providence gives a loud call for the vindication of the Glory of God, the reclaiming of sinners, the checking and preventing the further progress of Immorality and Impiety, and for the Edification of all to revive the said godly discipline, in itself so conformable to the rules of the Gospell. Therefore this Synod doth hereby appoint that all persons guilty of notorious scandalous sins be in a regular way openly rebukt and censur'd before the respective Congregations offended thereby, and that this Act shall extend to all the Congregations within the Bounds of this Synod, and that each Prēbry take care that the same be duely put in execution by censuring any Minister or Session who shall happen to transgress the same.

And to the intent that the design of this Act be made effectual, We appoint that it shall be read on the first Lord's day of March next; which being read and consider'd, was by vote unanimously approv'd.

Time of publishing the Act.

Which overture being read in this Synod and seriously consider'd, it was voted—Whether approve the same that it be an Act obliging all within the bounds of this Synod? It carry'd unanimously, approve that this Act be publisht in all the congregations belonging to this Synod; though it was publisht in the bounds of Belfast Synod, yet it was so done as the Act of that particular Synod, only for our uniformity herein that it be publisht in that Synod as the Act of the General Synod, and in the other Synods of Derry and Monaghan, the publication hereof to be at or before the first Sabbath of October next.

Fast observ'd.

The late Synod having appointed a Fast to be religiously observ'd, the time was left to the sev[l] Prēbries, report was made that the appointed Fast was observ'd.

Several members having left last Synod without leave, were, for their reasons giv'n, excus'd. M[r] W[m] Gray, who is now also absent, is to be call'd to account at next Synod.

Order'd, that whatever member of this Synod shall go away without leave obtain'd is to be censur'd.

The minuts of last Synod ended here.

Belfast Synod book approv'd.

Mr Archbald Boyd, with others, revisers of the Synod book of Belfast, made report that they approve the book; this approbation to be inserted in the book and subscrib'd by the Moderor, wch was done. sedert concluded by prayr.

Adjourn'd till 9 to mor: morn:; the Interloqr to meet at 7. This

Sess: 4a.

Die Jovis, horâ nona ante merid: Roll call'd after prayer.

Sedert qui supra.

Dunean supplicate for assistance.

A petition ℘ Comittee of Bills from the congregation of Dunean, in the Prēbry of Antrim, desiring assistance from this Synod for support of the Gospell among them, the Commrs, Major John Dobbin, with others, were call'd, and askt why their circumstances now require assistance, they having formerly supported the Gospell without assistance from the Synod. The Commrs answer'd they had assistance otherwise, which is now withdrawn; by this they are incapable to support the Gospell; also several of their number by death being remov'd and otherwise; ev'n when these were with them they could not advance above twenty two or twenty three pound ℘ Annm. The Commrs being remov'd, it was voted—Grant now the petition or refer till the Comittee of Funds make report? it carry'd, refer; and that affair is now referr'd till the Comittee of Funds make report.

Adjourn'd till 4 *a merid:;* the Interloqr of the whole Synod to meet at 3; all the Comittees to meet now, and continue till one a clock this afternoon. This Sedert concluded by prayr.

Sess: 5a.

Die Jovis horâ quarta a: merid: Roll call'd after prayr.

Sedert qui supra.

Trewgh.

A people in Trewgh, a part of the congregation of Kinaird, in the Prēbry of Monaghan, ℘ Com: of Bills, appear'd by their Commrs, Mr Wm Johnston, of Tully; Henry Gillespie, James Widney, and John Stewart, who produc'd a supplication, wherein they desire to be erected into a congregation distinct from that of Kinaird.

Caledon.

Likewise a people of Caledon, ℘ Comittee of Bills, supplicated by their Commrs, Mr James Agnew, James Culton, in which supplication it's desir'd that the petitioners may be erected into a distinct congregation from that of Kinaird.

Minterbirn.

Next, a people in Minterbirn, ℘ Comittee of Bills, supplicated by their Commrs, Capt Cochren, Mr Alexr Pringle, with others, that the congregation of Kinaird may continue as it is; that their meeting house be not remov'd, for wch they gave reasons in their supplication.

Kinaird.

Mr Ambrose.

The Commrs for the Erection Reply.

Mr Will: Ambrose, minister of Kinaird, was desir'd to speak on this matter. He expresst himself to the following purpose:—That he believs the desir'd Erection will not have a Fund to support it; that the congregation of Kinaird is sinking, and the desir'd Erection will be

very prejudicial to the congregation of Monahan; to which the Commrs supplicating for the Erection reply'd that there is six miles distance from Kinaird, and that they noe way depend on Monahan Congregation for support. The papers being read, and parties being heard, all here concern'd in this affair were remov'd. After long reasoning upon what has been read and spoken by all parties,

A Question was put—Whether the determination of this affair shall be comitted to a Comittee to be appted by this Synod or to the Prēbry of Monahan, with Correspondts. It carry'd by the majority that the determination of the affair shall be comitted to a Comittee to be appointed by the Synod.

Then the Question was put—Whether two Minrs and a Ruling Elder shall be sent from each Prēbry—fifteen, whereof ten being Ministers, shall be the Quorum; and any member who cannot go, his Prēbry shall send one in his room; all which was carry'd in the affirmative.

It was also agreed that the time when, and place where, the said Comittee shall meet is to be on the second Tuesday of August next, at four a clock in the afternoon, in the Meeting House of Kinaird. A Comittee to determine this affair to meet at Kinaird.

Order'd, that the several Prēbries return the names of their members of this Comittee in write to our Clerk at next Sedert.

Order'd, that the Prēbry of Monaghan be at due diligence to prepare this affair for the Comittee.

Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Wynsley, Mr Drummond, Mr Lang, Mr Gordon, Mr McKay, obtain'd leave to go home after this sederunt.

A petition from Edenderry ℘ Comittee of Bills, Mr Lang, Mr Rainey, comissionate by that people, presented a supplication shewing the bad circumstances of that Congregation; that they are in a considerable arrear to their Minister by reason that much of what was promist to them by the Synod is unpaid. This was remitted to the Comittee for Funds. Edenderry.

A people in Drumarah, formerly belonging to the Congregation of Dromore, ℘ Comittee of Bills, appear'd by their Commrs, Hugh Corbet, Andrew Walker, with others, who supplicated that they may be continu'd a new Erection. The Refer of the Prēbry of Ardmagh, met in March last, to this Synod concerning this matter, being read, the Commrs gave their reasons to be continu'd a new Erection, because of their great distance from Dromore and Magherawlly; that they are now above six hundred catachizable persons; that they will not be able to maintain a Minister unless some adjacent Town lands belonging to Dromore and Magherawlly be joyn'd to them—vizt, from Magherawly, Tullinisky, Enoch, Girvachy, Fedony, and Carnew, and from Dromore, Killalen, Lappoch, and the upper half of the Town land of Bellykeel; that the said Town-lands be for that reason joyn'd to Drumara. Magherawly, by their Comrs, did signify that some time agoe there was a rent in that congregation, which, after some time, was heal'd; and they wish that if the desir'd Erection be granted that it be not of ill consequence; that if the aforesaid towns be taken from 'em, they will not be able to support their Minr, therefore desir'd these five towns may not be joyn'd to Drumarah. Drumarah. Maherawly.

Dromore.

Dromore, by Mr Jo: McGill, with others being defendts, and refusing to part with the Towns of Killalen, Leppoch, and the upper half of the Town land of Bellykeel, their papers were not laid before the Comittee of Bills; yet the Synod allow'd them, being defendts, to have their papers read in the Synod, which being read, holds forth that the Inhabitants of these towns which Drumarah desires to be annext to 'em, have subscrib'd a paper, which, being read, did shew the great unwillingness of these towns to be disañext from Dromore and añext to Drumarah, and such annexation will be prejudicial to Dromore. Parties being fully heard, were remov'd.

This Synod consider'd the matter deliberately, and weighing the several papers and what hath been said on all hands, after long reasoning, came to the following resolutions :—

Drumara, with towns from Dromore and Maherawly, erected into a Congregation.

1. It's the mind of this Synod that Drumarah continue a distinct congregation. 2. It is the judgment of this Synod that the aforesaid Towns of Tullynisky, Enoch, Girvachy, Fedony, and Carnew, belonging to Maherawly, also Kilallen, Leppoch, and the upper half of the townland of Bellykeel, belonging to Dromore, be annext to Drumarah. 3. That the said Towns be advis'd and exhorted to joyn to Drumarah; and nothing is to be done by Dromore or Maherawly which may hinder their so joyning to Drumarah. 4. That this Erection shall not take any part of the present congregation of Bellynahinch. 5. If, when Maherawly becomes vacant, the Prēbry of Ardmah see cause to divide that congregation into two congregations, the five Towns now taken from Maherawly may return to Maherawly if that Prēbry see fitt.

It is recomended to the Congregations of Dromore and Maherawly to endeavr to make up what their Ministers loose now by the aforesaid towns joyn'd to Drumarah. Parties being call'd, this, our conclusion, was intimated to them.

Adjourn'd till Ten of the Clock to-morrow morn: The Comittees to meet at 7. This Sedt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 6a

Die Ven: horâ decima ante merid:

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra.*

The Comittee to go to Kinaird.

According to order, the several Prēbries return'd the names of the members of the Comittee to meet at Kinaird. From the Prēbry of Monahan, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Alexr Fleming; from Colerain, Mr Woodsyd, Mr Higginbotham; from Derry, Mr Jo: Harvey, Mr Ja: Blair; from Convoy, Mr Hallyday, Mr Holmes, junr; from Down, Mr Ramsey, Mr Nivin; from Belfast, Mr Craford, Mr Seton; Antrim, Mr Livingston, Mr Crichton; Tyrone, Mr Ja: Maxwell, Mr David Thomb; from Ardmagh, Mr Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Macclane, Ministers.

Ruling Elders—Capt: Stewart, from Monahan; Mr Ja: Henry, from Colerain; Aldr Keñedy, from Derry; Mr Brodly, from Convoy; Mr Hans Ferlie, from Down: Mr Nehem: Doñaldson, from Belfast; Mr Robert Harper, from Antrim; Mr Jo: Fisher, from Tyrone; Mr Ja: Johnston, from Ardmagh: which nomination was well approv'd by this Synod.

Then it was by vote determin'd that the next Gen: Synod shall be at Belfast, on the third Tuesday of June, sermon to begin at five of the clock that afternoon. Time & place of next Synod

This Synod concluded by Prayer.

Interloqr ef the whole Synod.

The Comittee of Bills made report to this Interloqr that an affair relating to the Transportation of Mr Michael Bruce from Holywood to Monaghan was laid before them, and the following papers were read, vizt:—A Comission from a people in the Congregation of Monahan to Mr John Gillmer, with others, and a supplication to the Synod to countenance and encourage the said affair, also reasons for supporting the propos'd transportation; then the Call itself directed to Mr Michael Bruce. After this the Comittee for Bills reported that they were very well appris'd that several irregular steps were made in the procedure of that affair, such as these, vizt:—that noe Minister had presided in the Call when it was drawn up; that it had not been laid before the Prēbry of Belfast, who were the immediate judges of Holywood, and had not been duely inform'd of the matter, with other things irregular; yet the doleful and perplext circumstances of Monahan Congregation being consider'd, they judg'd it was too much for 'em to take upon them to suppress an affair, the consequence of which might be of so great importance to this Church; and therefore, notwithstanding of the said Informalities, have allow'd the Commrs to come before the Synod for advice. Monahan. Holywood. Mr M: Bruce

The Prēbry and Commrs of Monahan, as also Mr Bruce, were heard; after which all parties were remov'd.

The Synod, after long reasoning, appointed Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Cherrie, to go out and frame Overtures on this affair. They returning read the following Overtures, which, being read with amendmts, was approv'd, is as follows:—

This Synod, finding that the Commrs and people of Monahan have not made regular steps in drawing up and presenting their Call to Mr Michael Bruce, are of opinion—

1. That whereas, at this time, without hearing what both the Congrgation of Monahan and Holywood have to say and allege in this affair, it is impossible for this Synod to passe a sentence in a matter of this importance, it is our opinion that if the people of Monahan should prosecute a Call to Mr Michael Bruce, or to any other person, they should do it in an orderly way. The Synod hereby, for the above reasons, do not either encourage nor discourage the said people of Monahan in the prosecution of a Call to Mr Bruce.

2. The Synod, considering and laying to heart the sad circumstances of the congregation of Monahan, to shew 'em all the pity and compassion that may be, it's the mind of this Synod that they be punctually supply'd by the afternamed persons, each of 'em to supply six weeks, and that Monahan Prēbry send actual ministers to baptize Children when Probationers supply them. Monahan to be supply'd with preaching till next Synod, if need be.

3. That the said supplies continue till next Synod, or till Monahan be settled with Gospel Ordinances, if that may be obtain'd before next Gen[l] Synod.

4. That in case they have business with any Prēbry in a Call to any within their bounds, 'tis the mind of this Synod that said Prēbry shall be oblig'd to meet as frequently as they may without giving that people of Monahan any unnecessary delay.

When the supplyers are to go thither.

The Supplyers, and time when Monahan Congregation is to be supply'd :—Ardmagh, six Sabbaths, beginning July 5, by M[r] McKay and M[r] Fraser, each 3 Sabbaths; Antrim, six Sabbaths, begin: Aug[t] 16, by M[r] Will: Taylor; Derry, six Sabbaths, begin: Sept[r] 27, by M[r] Victor Ferguson, M[r] Major Murray, each 3 Sab[s]; Convoy, six Sabbaths, begin: Nōb[r] 8, by M[r] Cochren, M[r] Lynd, each 3 Sab[s]; Down, six Sabbaths, begin: Dēc[r] 20, by M[r] Alex[r] Hamilton, M[r] Nath[ll] Orr, each 3 Sab[s]; Monahan, six Sabbaths, begin: Jān[ry] 31, by M[r] Rutherford, M[r] Plunket, each 3 Sab[s]; Tyrone, six Sabbaths, begin: March 14, by M[r] Mulligan, M[r] Dick, each 3 Sab[s]; Colerain, six Sabbaths, begin: May 2, by M[r] Alex[r] Moor, 6 Sab[s]; Belfast, six Sabbaths, begin: June 13, by M[r] Kirkpatrick, M[r] Gowan, each 3 Sab[s].

In case that the said Congregation be planted, the Prēbry of Monahan is to advertise the Prēbry who should send the succeeding supplyer, not to come.

If any of the above Brethren fail, his Prēbry shall send one in his room.

A motion was made, that this Synod would please to lay down such measures for the speedy settlement of that congregation with such person as the people, in an orderly way, may agree with; which motion being consider'd, and several Overtures being propos'd for effecting it, the Synod came at last, by plurality, to the following conclusions :—

How to proceed for planting that place.

That, in case the people of Monahan shall give a Call to an ordain'd Minister, the Prēbry, in whose bounds that Minister is, shall forward the Tryal of the said affair with all convenient speed; and, when the matter is ripen'd for a decision, then they shall call from each Prēbry of this Synod two Ministers and a Ruling Elder, to correspond with them in that weighty affair, which Prēbry, with the Correspond[ts], shall give judgment in the case. Approv'd.

Killrachts, in the Prēbry of Rout.

A supplication from the Prēsbry of Colerain, with reference to M[r] Robert Neilson and the Congregation of Killrachts, being allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, was now read. The said Prēbry doth therein earnestly desire advice of this Synod how to carry towards the people of Killrachts, a great part of whom have for a considerable time absented from hearing M[r] Robert Neilson, their Minister. Hereupon, M[r] Neilson and the Comm[rs] from Killrachts were call'd. Each party offer'd some papers, which were refus'd, because not sustain'd by the Comittee for Bills; yet they were heard in some things which they had to say. Then both parties were remov'd. After this, several of the Prēbry of Rout were call'd to give light in the affair; who reported that many of that people had laid several things to Mr Neilson's charge, before the Prēbry, who, upon a fair Tryall, had succumbt in their proof, and

were judg'd censurable. However, such was the offence many of them had taken (thô it dos not appear that such offence was giv'n), that they did believe the continuance of Mr Neilson's relation could not be profitable. They added, further, that it was reported to the Prēbry by some of that people (which report is *in retentis*), that Mr Neilson's demanding his stipend, which was run on to a great arrear, was a very great ground of that people's dissatisfaction. After all this Synod taking the affair into their serious consideration, a motion was agreed to, to send out some Brethren to discourse with both parties, and make an Overture to this Synod upon the whole.

Mr. Robert Neilson.

Mr Bruce, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Kirkpatrick, were sent out, who, having return'd, made report that they dealt with both parties, but do not find that the continuance of the relation, one to another, will be to Edification. However, as to Mr Neilson's dimission, and the Congregation's arrear due to him, they further report that, after long and close reasoning with Mr Neilson, he came to be willing (more out of regard to the people's good than upon any just fault prov'd against him), he would dimit his charge of 'em, and would also forgive all that was due to him by that people, except three years' stipend, which is seventy Eight pounds sterl:, provided

1. That the payments of the seventy Eight pounds be made speedily, and that before his dimission.

2. That consid'ring his age and growing Infirmities thereby, this Synod would be pleas'd to continue his proportion of Reg: Donm, while that is either had, or while he lives. As to the Commrs from Killrachts, they report that they could bring them noe further length than to promise forty pound sterl:, Twenty pounds whereof should be soon paid, and bonds to be giv'n for the other Twenty pound; also, that they would sow his land next year and plow it, while the second Twenty pound is unpaid.

The Brethren further reported that after they had consider'd by themselves the proposals of both parties, they had agreed upon an Overture, equally just to both sides, which they would offer to the Synod, for bringing this affair to an issue, and it was this:—That the people of Killrachts make free and speedy payment of Sixty pound sterl: and no less, to Mr Neilson; and that then, and not till then, Mr Neilson give that people a free discharge or release of all that he can demand of them as stipend; and also that then, and not till then, Mr Neilson give in his dimission to the Prēbry of Rout of his pastoral relation to that people; and that for his more creditable support as a Minister of the Gospel, R: D: be continu'd to him as he propos'd; but to make this the more effectual,

Determination of what relates to Mr Neilson and Killrachts

1. That the Prēsbry of Rout be enjoyn'd by this Synod that from their next Sederunt they send one of their Brethren to Killrachts to preach there on a week day, and intimate this sentence to the people, and to assist the people in laying down measures to raise the said sixty pound sterl: with all speed, that so their way be clear'd toward another settlement.

2. That noe Minister of the said Prēsbry allow that people Sealing

Ordinances, or do any other duties to any of them, which properly belongs to Mr Neilson to perform to them, whilst his relation with them continues, except to such who after a just and equal applottment, by comon consent, of the said Sixty pound sterl:, do pay up their proportion into some Gen[l] Collect[r]'s hands, approved by the people to that end, and have the Certificat.

This Overture being consider'd by this Synod, the state of the vote was—Approve the said Overture in all its parts or not? The roll being call'd, it was carry'd by a great majority in the affirmative, approve. Parties being then call'd in, the Mod[r] gave them account thereof, and recomended to the Comm[rs] to use diligence in their own affair, and to Mr Neilson that he should continue to preach to that people till they pay him off his said Sixty pound, Provided that his continuing to preach and do other duties there become not an occasion of negligence in the people, which the Prēbry of Rout is to take care of.

The Synod having remitted to the Comittee for Overtures to overture in reference to the due ordering of the Records of the several judicatories of this Church, that Comittee read as follows:—

Overture concerning minuts to be engrosst, and sent to the respective judicatories, approv'd.

Whereas, it has been greatly neglected to engross minuts in books, and that the books have not been brought to the respective judicatories that they might be revis'd. Overtur'd:—

That all inferior judicatories, viz[t]:—Sessions, Prēbries, and Sub-Synods, take due care that their respective minuts be seasonably revis'd, and after that engross'd, so that they be brought, or at least shall be sent (if the respective Clerk be unable to attend), to the judicatory, who are to revise the minuts so engrosst. If any Clerk neglect to engross the minuts so revis'd, and to bring or send them, if he can't attend, to the respective judicatory, he shall loose a year's salary, as he is Clerk to that judicatory; and if a judicatory take not care to have their minuts duely revis'd, they shall be rebukt by the judicatory to whom they are immediately accountable. Approv'd.

Mr Taylor, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Brown, Mr Liviston, are to assist the Clerk in revising our minuts.

Interloq[r] 1.

R:D: acco[t] of £3 4: 6: due to B. Blair.

Mr Kirkpatrick read a letter from Mr Bryce Blair, our Treasurer, to be comunicate to this Interloq[r], which shews that he intends to bring R:D: for Lady-day last to this town to-morrow—he desires to know how it's to be distributed; likewise an account of Three pound, four shill:, and sixpence due to Mr Blair, for engrossing addresses and other services done to this Synod. The said three pound, four shill:, sixpence is order'd to be paid to him out of the subdividend of R:D: A letter from Bro: Iredell, giving account of his negotiation for this Church in London was read; this to be considered afterwards. Mr Iredell is excus'd for his reasons of his absence from this Synod.

2.

Mr Blair to give R:D: to Br[n] for the several Prēbries

Mr Blair is come; he has R:D: with him. Order'd, that Mr Jo[n] Mairs receive from him for the Prēbry of Down; Mr John Wilson, for

the Prēbry of Ardmagh; Mr Thomas Keñedy, junr, for the Prēbry of Tyrone; Mr Brown, for the Prēbry of Antrim; Mr John Stirling, for the Prēbry of Londonderry; Mr Holmes, senr, for the Prēbry of Convoy; Mr Umphry Thomson, for the Prēbry of Convoy; Mr Thomas Stirling, for the Prēbry of Colerain; Mr Craford, for the Prēbry of Belfast.

We readily agree that our Brethren not return'd in the List to our Treasurer shall have their just proportion of R:D:; and if any Brother or Brethren have receiv'd from the Treasurer, the overplus of their share of Ladyday is to be return'd to the Clerk of the Synod, in favour of our Brethren excluded from R:D:, who is to pay it to them, according to an Overture of the Synod's Comittee, met in Belfast, Janry last. There is for Eight mention'd in the List, and two shares to Mr Lee; the dividend of those in Mr Blair's List is 2 : 10 : 1½, and the subdividend is 2 : 5 : 11½; this work of subdividing to be perform'd by our Clerk at this time. Mr Craford to subdivide R:D:

In consideration this Synod is under promise of assistance to weak Congregations and New Erections, the persons and Congregations to whom the promise was made do now expect performance. There was appointed by the last Synod's Interloqr (which was now read) that the respective Prēbries should advance so much in their several Congregations as was then applotted. It was now agreed that there be a select Comittee appointed to examine that affair of the Fund, and make a seasonable report—this Committee to consist of a Minister and a Ruling Elder out of each Prēbry. The names of the Ministers and Elders, members of said Comittee, as return'd by the several Prēbries, are as follows:— A Comittee was appted to examine the Fund.

From the Prēsbry of Ardmagh, Mr Lang; from Tyrone, Mr Tho: Keñedy, junr; from Antrim, Mr Leech; from Belfast, Mr Stewart; from Down, Mr Mairs; from Monahan, Mr Thompson; from Convoy, Mr Sam: Henry; from Colerain, Mr Thomas Stirling; from Derry, Mr Wynsly, Ministers. Mr Clotworthy Upton, Mr Arthur Keñedy, Mr Steel, Mr Boyd, Mr Galland, Mr Smith, Mr McComb, Mr McGill, Mr Nisbitt, Elders. Members of that Comittee.

This Comittee to meet when the other Comittees do meet, and are to get light from the Prēbries, so that a seasonable report of their diligence may be made to this Interloqr.

Order'd, that every Brother pay to the subdivisor his proportion of the three pound, four shill:, sixpence, due to Mr Blair as aforementioned.

A paper, presented by Monahan Prēbry, concerning the charge in the affair relating to the Brethren troubled at Belturbet, was read, and remitted to the Comittee for Funds. Monahan charge abt Belturb:

A supplication from Thomas Paxton of Monahan, was brought into the Interloqr, ꝑ Comittee of Bills. It being read, shews how he is greatly reduc'd as to his outward circumstances; desires relief from us. The petition was granted. Ordered, that the Comittee for Funds lay down the way how what is to be allow'd to him shall be pay'd. Tho: Paxton.

A Petiōn, ꝑ Comittee of Bills, from Dundalk, was laid before this Interloqr by Capt: McNeile, Commr, representing the state of that Dundalk.

Congregation, and beseeching this Interloq^{r} to order the money that was promist to that Congregation may be paid. The petiōn being granted, it was order'd that the petition, with the state of that Congregation, be laid before the Comittee for Funds, who are to overture to the Interloq^{r} how the said money shall be paid.

Mr Sim, probationer: his character.

Mr Umphry Thompson, with other Brethren of Monahan Prēbry, desir'd this Interloq$^{r's}$ opinion of Mr David Sim, a Probationer for the Holy Ministry, whom, they say, one of their vacant congregations has a mind to call. Several of the Brethren here spake, and gave him the character (for what they observ'd), that he is a man of prudence and learning.

A Letter from a French Minister, in name of the French Church in Dublin, was here read, desiring that what collections are made by this Synod's recomendation, two years ago, may be transmitted. There is in that letter a memorial of what they have receiv'd, viz:, only twenty five pound, fourteen shill:, sterl^{g}.

French Church, Dublin.

Order'd, that seeing the Synod readily granted a recomendation to the several Prēbries in favour of our French Brethren in Dublin. Upon Enquiry, Report was made that much more than what is mention'd in the memorial hath been collected for that people; the several Prēsbries are to give in write, at our next Seder^{t}, an account of what they have collected; and who have not collected shall, on receit of these minuts, collect and transmit what for that use is collected to Mr Isaac McCartney, of Belfast, as was formerly appointed.

So far we proceeded in the minuts of last Synod's Interloq^{r}.

The Interloq^{r} of the whole Synod.

Mr Lee. Breaky.

The minut of last Synod's Interloq^{r}, appointing the Prēbry of Monahan to be at due diligence, in reference to getting up the arrear due by Breaky to Mr John Lee, was read. That Prēsbry being askt what progress they made in that affair, answer'd, they have us'd diligence, but can only have the promise of Nine pound in stead of the Twenty pound which was appointed to be collected; and the reason which the people give why they do not obey the appointment was: the people promist to pay Twenty pound while they were able, Kells joyning with 'em, but Kells not paying any part, they were not able to pay more than Ten pound. This affair is recomitted to that Prēbry, who are to give to Mr Lee all the assistance they can in getting up the arrears due to him out of Coronary and skirts of Breaky, as was appointed by the Interloq^{r} of last Synod.

Mr Alex^{r} Sinclar.

A letter from Bro: Sinclar, in Plunketstreet, Dublin, to this Synod, was read, wherein he shews a design to call Mr Sam^{el} Halyday, jun^{r}, to be his Colleague in Plunketstreet congregation; he desires in his letter that this Synod may give their approbation.

It being suggested that Mr Sinclar doth not believe that he is related to any Prēbry in the North, but only to the Genl Synod, we having concluded before that Mr Sinclar nor any other can be related to our Synod, except he be related to some of our Prēbries, to which opinion

we yet adhere, Mr Holmes and Mr Kirkpatrick were appointed to write our mind to him in this matter.

A supplication from a people in AhmaCarte, nigh Kilkenny, ℔ Com: of Bills, was read, wherein they supplicate this Synod for supplies in their pious design of being planted with Gospel Ordinances. Mr Thomas Anderson, in Edenderry, made report that some of the petitionrs were with him; that on their desire he went and preach'd to them; that there were about two hundred hearers, several of whom were Papists, as he was inform'd. He was also told that people will advance fifteen pound ℔ year to a Minister, and that there is a prospect of Ten pound more by some well dispos'd Gentmen, also that they will be grateful to such who shall supply 'em. Ahmacarte.

Monahan Prēsbry made report that several of that people, in name of the rest, apply'd to them for advice. The Prēbry advis'd them to have recourse to this Synod's Interloqr.

The supplication, Mr Anderson's report, also that from the Prēbry of Monahan being consider'd, we judge it advisable to acquaint the Ministers of Dublin who may be assisting in this Important affair. Mr Craghead was appointed to impart this to the Brethren in Dublin. Considering that place is a great distance from hence, and we generally unacquainted with that people and their circumstances, we agreed to send a Minister thither who may preach to them and consider their state; if he find the matter hopefull, the adjacent Prēbry to send 'em supplies. Mr Samuel McGachine was appointed to go to that place and preach to the people two Sabbath days; his congregation, while he is on that affair, to be supply'd by Mr Patrick Plunket; that he make a prudent Enquiry into that affair, how far it's faisable. The time of his going is with his first conveniency, Upon his return, if his report be encouraging, the Prēbry of Monahan is to send supplies to them. Inform about that people.

The Comittee of Overtures laid the following Overtures before us:—

1. That noe man be entred upon Tryals, in order to Licensing, by any of the Prēbries within the bounds of this Synod, unless the greater number of the Ministers of the Prēbry in whose bounds he resides have a personal knowledge of his prudence, piety, and good natural Temper, and all other qualifications necessary to fitt him for the Holy Ministry; and that the first part of every man's Tryal be a strict examination in the Greek and Hebrew Languages, and Extemporary Questions; and that he be oblig'd to deliver an Exegesis upon some Important Head in the Body of Divinity, exhibit theses thereupon, and defend the same. 2. That noe man be licens'd to preach the Gospel, unless two-thirds of the Ministers of the Prēbry to which he belongs be fully satisfy'd with him. Both which Overtures were voted and approv'd, *nem: contradic:*. Overtures relating to these who are to be Licens'd, approv'd.

The Comittee of Funds made the following report by their minuts now read:—

The last Synod's order, appointing the arrear due on the Funds by the several Prēbries, was read; also what was applotted for the year 1712.

Mr Leech, Moderator, Mr Thomas Keñedy, junr, Clerk to the regulation of what was applotted for the year 1713.

Mr Sam: Henry, Clerk to the minuts, read wherein is Debr & Credr :—

Ardmagh Prēbry Debr for 1711—£33 – –

Vizt, to Lurgan	20	–	–	Pt pd	
Droheda house	13	–	–	Pd	
	33	–	–		

For 1712 :

to Lurgan	15	–	–		
VeniCash	9	–	–		
LoughGall	4	–	–		
Mr Iredel, Mon: Expcē ..	13	7	–	Pd	
	£74	7	–		

Colerain Prēbry Debr for 1711—21 10 –

Viz: to Mr Whyte	2	10	–		
to Athlone	10	–	–	Pt pd	
to Mr Stuart Glen . ..	9	–	–	Pt pd	
	21	10	–		

For 1712 :

to Athlone	10	–	–		
to Mr Stewart	9	–	–		
Mr Iredell, Expcē ..	6	14	–		
Monaghan, Expcē ..	3	2	–		
	50	6	–		

Belfast Prēbry Debr for 1711—42 10 0

Viz: to Droheda	40	–	–	13 16 Pd	
to Kirkpk	2	10	–		
	42	10	–		

1712 :

to Droheda	35	–	–		
to Dundalk	3	–	–		
Mr Ird: and Mon: Expcē ..	15	16	8		
	£96	6	8		

Derry Prēbry Debr for 1711—	42	–	–	6 12 11 Pd
Vizt, to Slego	10	–	–	
to Golan	20	–	–	
to Droheda	12	–	–	
	42	–	–	
1712:				
to Slego	10	–	–	
to Moywater	15	–	–	14 0 0 Pd
to Droheda	2	–	–	
Mr Iredell & Mon:	14	17	–	8 10 Pd
	£83	17	–	
Convoy Prēbry Debr, 1711—	21	10	–	
Viz: to Moywater	15	–	–	Pd
to Stranorlan	6	10	–	
	21	10	–	
1712:				
to Badoni, Stranorlan, Kilmacrenan, Pittigo, Clondevadoch, as the Prēbry sees fitt	16	–	–	
to Mr Iredell and Monahan Expcē	8	18	–	Pd
	46	8	–	
Monahan Prēbry Debr for 1711—	30	10	–	
Viz: to Galway	5	10	–	Pd
to Golan	10	–	–	
to Inniskilling	15	0	–	Most pd
	30	10	–	
1712:				
to Belturbet	12	10	–	
to Enniskilling	12	10	–	
to Mr Iredell	–	10	10	
to Monah: Expcē	13	3	–	
	£69	3	10	

Down Prēbry Deb^{r} for 1711—31 5 0

Viz^{t}, to Moyra ..	..	..	3	15	–
to VeniCash	..	..	9	–	– P^{t} p^{d}
to Kirkdoñald	..	..	4	–	– P^{d}
to Gallway	..	..	14	10	–
			£31	5	0

1712:

to Gallway	..	..	20	–	– P^{t} p^{d}
to Kirkdoñald	..	..	4	–	–
to Moyra	..	..	1	–	–
to Dundalk	..	..	4	–	– P^{d}
to Mr Iredell & Monahan Expcē	}	..	15	18	–

Antrim Prēbry Deb^{r} for 1711—31 5 –

Viz: to Mr Whyte	..	..	10	–	– P^{d}
to Moyra	..	..	6	5	– P^{t} p^{d}
to Edenderry	..	..	15	–	– P^{d}
			31	5	–

1712:

to Edenderry	..	..	15	–	– P^{d}
to Dundalk	..	..	3	–	– P^{d}
to Moyra	..	..	9	–	– ready to pay now
to Droheda	..	..	1	–	– ready to pay
to Mr Kirkp^{k}	..	..	1	–	–
Mr Iredell & Monah: Expcē			16	8	– P^{t} ready now
			76	13	–

Tyrone Prēbry Deb^{r} for 1711—21 10 –

Viz: to Dundalk	..	..	10	–	–
to Badoni	..	..	4	10	– P^{d}
to Droheda house	..	..	7	–	– P^{d}

1712:

to Golan	..	..	8	–	–
to LoughGall	..	..	8	–	–
Mr Iredell, Expcē		..	8	–	–
Monah: Expcē	..	..	8	10	–

The Quota of each Prēbry for the publick Fund for 1713:

Belfast	35	–	–
Down	25	–	–
Antrim	25	–	–
Ardmagh	28	–	–
Tyrone	16	–	–
Monahan	25	–	–
Colerain	19	–	–
Convoy	16	–	–
Derry	25	–	–
	214	0	0

The Sumṁs to be paid, and the Congregations to whom, by the several Prēbries for 1713:

Ardmagh—			
to Dundalk	19	–	–
to Venicash	9	–	–
	28	–	–
Belfast—			
to Dundalk	11	–	–
to Droheda	24	–	–
	35	–	–
Down—			
to Droheda	16	–	–
to Galway	9	–	–
	25	–	–
Antrim—			
to Lurgan	5	–	–
to Edenderry	15	–	–
to Dunean	5	–	–
	25	–	–
Tyrone—			
to LoghGall	12	–	–
to Badoni	4	–	–
	16	–	–
Colerain—			
to Athlone	10	–	–
to Cushendoll	9	–	–
	19	–	–

Monahan—			
to Lurgan	..	..	5 – –
to Enniskilling	..	..	10 – –
to Belturbet	..	..	10 – –
			25 – –
Derry—			
to Galway	..	..	6 – –
to Slego	..	..	10 – –
to Moywater	..	..	9 – –
			25 – –
Convoy—			
to Moywater	..	..	6 – –
to Golan	..	..	6 – –
to Kirkdoñald	..	..	4 – –
			16 – –
		Total	£214 – –

Copia vera.

Synod's fixt Comittee.

Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Craghead were appointed to write to the French Ministers who wrote to us, and give account of what we have again appointed in reference to the Collection design'd for them.

Inquiry was made whether the Synod's fixt Comittee have met since last Synod. It appears that they met in DunGennan in Decemr, and in Belfast in Janry. It being necessary to appoint a fixt Comittee to meet, when call'd, as afterwd,

The several Prēbries were appointed to withdraw and choose their membrs, whose names they may return to us. The Prēbries returning made report as folls :—

From Monahan, Mr Umphry Thomson, Mr Ja: Tate, Mr Alexr Fleming; from Derry, Mr Ferguson, Mr Wynsly, Mr Blair; from Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Ramsay; from Antrim, Mr Taylor, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Abernethy; from Colerain, Mr Clark, Mr McGrigor, Mr Haltridg; from Convoy, Mr Holmes, senr, Mr Drumond, Mr Dunlop; from Belfast, Mr McBride, Mr Craford, Mr Kirkpatrick; from Tyrone, Mr Crooks, Mr Keñedy, junr, Mr Archd Boyd.

Ardmagh, Mr Colvill, present Modr, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Cherrie: which nomināon was well approv'd.

If any of the said members fail, the Prēbry, being seasonably advertis'd, shall send one in his room; this Comittee to be call'd to meet at Belfast, by Mr Iredell, Mr Alexr Sinclar, and Mr Craghead, who are to write to Mr Ja: Bruce for Belfast Synod, to Mr Hutcheson for Ardmagh

Synod, to Mr Holmes, senr, for Derry Synod, and shew the causes of calling the Comittee, thereby the Prēbries may know the causes. They are also to write in all matters of comon concern. Ordered, that what light members can have from their Prēbries, they are to take it, yet not so as to restrict them, because something, not foreseen by the Prēbries or members of the Comittee, may fall in when the Comittee meets—fifteen being the Quorum.

Overtur'd by the Comittee of Funds, that the Synod appoint a Comittee with power to enlarge Kirkdoñald congregation, by disañexing some from Comber and joyning to it, that thereby the Synod may be eas'd of four pound ℔ ann: to that congregāon. Kirkdoñald.

Monahan Prēbry is appointed to send some of their number to state accounts 'twixt Mr Colthart and Golan.

Down Prēbry to pay four pound to Dundalk: Mr Nivin paid it.

Belfast Prēbry to pay three pound to Dundalk: Mr Stuart paid it.

Order'd that Mr Orr, Mr Brown, Mr Gowan, Mr Sam: Smith, Mercht in Belfast, examine Mr Blair's accots for the Fund, 1709, 1710.

There being seventy seven pound four shill: due to Droheda, Mr Mairs is to receive what money is here for Mr Henry, of Droheda.

Order'd that what arrear is due to Cushendoll and other Congregations be paid speedily, and sent to our Treasurer.

Monahan Prēbry return'd account of their Charges in the affair of Belturbet, which amounts to fifty six pound four shill:. They have receiv'd the Thirteen pound three shill:, payable by that Prēbry; the ballance of their accot to be paid so soon as may be. Belturbet

Mr Iredell's Expence in London amounts to sixty seven pound, and Mr Paxton's Expence is nine pound ten shill:. Mr Irdell. Tho: Paxton.

Considering Thom: Paxton's sufferings, and the cause for which he has sustain'd such loss beside fatigue, Its agreed that each Brother of this Synod pay him three shill: four pence; who are not present are to be appris'd hereof, and order it to him *primo quoq: tempore.*

Ordered that inquiry be made who they are of our Ministers or people who are prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Courts for marrying with us; for refusing the office of Churchwardenship; for teaching schools; that full proof be made of what prosecutions there are. We now hear by the Com: of Overtures that Mr Dunlop, in Athlone, Mr Ball, Mr Wynsly, Mr Mercer, of Inniskilling, Mr Ja: Ball, of Bellymony, are prosecuted. When the Brethren go home, they are to inform themselves as to these or any others, get the instances well attested, and transmit the account thereof to Mr Ja: Kirkpatrick.

Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Brown, Mr Gowan, are to write in our name to Sr Alexr Cairns, Secretary Southwell, Dr Williams, and to such others who are mention'd in Mr Iredell's Letter. Write to Sr Alexr Cairns, &c.

Galway to be supply'd by Mr Alexr Hamilton, who is now supplying that place. He is to be writ to by Down Meeting that he supply there till October. Monahan Synod to send a supply for three moneths; Belfast Synod to supply for three moneths; and Derry Synod to supply for three moneths. Galway to be supply'd.

The Synod's Comittee, which met in Decem^r and Jan^ry, the same rule that was observ'd in paying the Synod's Comittee by last Synod shall be observ'd now; also all Comittees which shall meet before next Synod shall be pay'd.

M^r Ja: Blair is appointed to receive from Mr Tho: Keñedy, jun^r, for Tyrone, 8 : 18 : 0; this money to be return'd to B: Blair.

Overtur'd, that seeing there is answer in print to a Pamphlet entitled True Blue Prēsbran Loyalty and the Conduct of Dissent^rs, as also another answer now in the press, judg'd to be a valuable performance, which the author will soon publish, if he meet with Enconragment, his Proposals were read, a Copy whereof is to be sent to the several Prēbries. It's recomended to the several Prēbries in vending the said books.

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AND: CRAFORD,
Cl: Syn: G^l.

1713.

Sessio: 1^a.

A G^l Synod at Belfast, June 15th, 1714.

Die Martis, horâ quinta post meridiem.

Mr Alexander Colvill having open'd this Synod by preaching on 1 Tim: 4 : 16, and after constitution by pray^r, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Gen: Synod.

COLERAIN PRESBYTRY.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
M-^rs Mathew Clark	
Robert Neilson	
James Stuart	
James Woodsyd	
William Boyd	James Morison
Robert Hickenbotham	
John Porter	M^r McCala

L:DERRY PRESBYTRY.

M-^rs Thomas Harvey	
John Harvey	
John Stirling	
James Blair	

CONVOY PRESBYTRY.

M-^rs William Homes, sen^r	
Samuel Henry	
Samuel Dunlop	
Francis Laird	James Culverson
James Wallace	

DOWN PRESBYTRY.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
M-rs James Bruce	Gawin Paterson
John Gawdie	Hugh Wallace
Henry Hamilton	Hugh McGown
John Mairs	James Gawdie
James McAlpin	William Bety
Thomas Orr	William Sim
Samuel Shenan	John Wilson
William Biggar	William Bell
William Smith	Andrew Lawrie
James Reid	John Brown
Hugh Ramsey	John Mains
Archibald Dickson	James Taylor
Thomas Nevin	

ANTRIM PRESBYTRY.

M-rs Fulk White	John Reid
Stafford Pettigrew	Thomas Howston
William Leech	Hugh Currie
Alexandr Brown	Robert Gemble
John Abernethy	
Charles Masterton	Hugh Owens
William Liviston	Hugh Lowse
James Crichton	William Clark
Thomas Shaw	John Wylie
Thomas Wilson	John Millar
John Henderson	

BELFAST PRESBYTRY.

M-rs John Malcom	Tho: Stuart
Alexr Sinclar	John Cudbert
James Cobham	James Beggs
Patrick Adair	David McCullogh
Robert Sinclar	John Man
Thomas Gowan	John Orr
Charles Seton	George Bety
James Stuart	John Lindsay
Robert Craghead	
Michael Bruce	James Hamilton

TYRONE PRESBYTRY.

M-rs John Thomb	John Rainey
Henry Crooks	William Weir
Baptist Boyd	Francis Bell
Thomas Kenedy, junr	John Boyd
Archbald Boyd	
David Thomb	David Thompson
Hugh Wallace	

ARDMAGH PRESBYTRY.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
M-rs Archbald Macclane	John Grier
John Hutcheson	William Brown
Moses Cherrie	John Moodie
Alexandr Colvill	Robt Chalmers
John Wilson	Robert Linton
George Lang	John Hareshaw
Samuel Young	John Campbell
Gilbert Kennedy	John Paterson
James Fleming	John Woods
Robert Rainey	John Liston
James Johnston	Alexander Gelsor
William McKay	Alexr Whitelaw
James Moor	Mr McMullen
Robert Gordon	Robert Campbell
Tho: Anderson	
Hugh Henry	
Patrick Simson	

MONAHAN PRESBYTRY.

M-rs William Ambrose	John Tod
William Cornwall	
Umphry Thompson	Thomas Campbell
Alexander Fleming	
Josias Cornwall	John Armstrong
Samuel McGachine	Alexandr Lawson
Robert Thompson	
Alexandr Hamilton	
David Sim	
Andrew Craford	John Lindsay
84	57

Modr chosen.

Mr Alexander Colvill, former Moder, desir'd that a new Moder may be chosen, and gave the following Leet of Mr Malcom, Mr Whyte, Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr Sheñan, Mr John Thomb, Mr John Harvey, Mr Clark, Mr Cherrie, Mr Ambrose, Mr Henry, that one of them may be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Every of these Brethren having been heard their reasons why they should not be chosen, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd. The Roll being call'd, Mr Whyte was, by plurality of voices, chosen to moderate in this Synod.

Clerk continu'd.

Andrew Craford was continu'd Clerk; Mr Brown and Mr Blair were appointed (on his desire) to assist him.

Meet for prayer at 6 in the morn:

Order'd, that the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this Synod meet here to morrow morning, and continue from Six of the Clock till Eight in prayer to God, that we may have His own Gracious presence with

us; and the Ministers are to continue from Eight of the Clock till Ten, and the full Synod to meet at Ten.

It being necessary that Comittees be appointed for expeditious and regular management of Synodical business, Agreed, that the several Presbytries do chuse their members of Ministers and Ruling Elders for the Comittees of Overtures Bills, Revising Sub-Synod Books, and for the Fund, and return their names in write to our Clerk at next Sederunt. Chuse Membrs of Comittees.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Adjourn'd till Ten a clock in the morning.

Die Mercury, horâ decima ante meridiem. Roll call'd, after prayr, Sess: 2a.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Ministers and Ruling Elders observ'd the appointment of last Sederunt for prayr.

The Ministers also met in Interloqr, and the minuts of that and the other Interloqrs during this Synod are añext to these minuts.

The Prēbries, according to appointmt, return'd the names of their members for the above said Comittees :—

FOR OVERTURES. Four Committees.

From Colrane Prēbry,	Mr Neilson, Mr Woodside.		
Derry	,,	Mr John Harvey.	
Convoy	,,	Mr Holmes, senr.	
Down	,,	Mr Bruce, Mr Hamilton, Mr Mairs, Mr Reid.	
Antrim	,,	Mr Leech, Mr Brown, Mr Shaw.	
Belfast	,,	Mr Malcom, Mr Craford, Mr Craghead.	Ruling Elders. Ja: Hamilton.
Tyrone	,,	Mr Thomas Keñedy, junr, Mr Baptist Boyd.	Jo: Boyd.
Ardmagh	,,	Mr Hutcheson, Mr Keñedy, Mr Moor, Mr Anderson.	Mr M'Mullen.
Monaghan	,,	Mr Ambrose, Mr Jos: Cornwall, Mr Sim.	Tho: Campbell.

With their Ruling Elders, vizt,

The Moderator to sit with this Comittee.

For Bills.

Colrain	Pr^bry,	Mr Mathew Clark, Mr Ja: Stuart.	
Derry	,,	Mr John Stirling.	
Convoy	,,	Mr Sam: Dunlop.	
Down	,,	Mr McAlpin, Mr Biggar, Mr Shennan.	
Antrim	,,	Mr Pettigrew, Mr Masterton, Mr Livingston.	
			Ruling Elders.
Belfast	,,	Mr Sinclar, Mr Gowan.	John Orr.
Tyrone	,,	Mr John Thomb, Mr Crooks.	Franc: Bell.
Ardmah	,,	Mr McClane, Mr Cherrie, Mr Lang.	John Moodie.
Monahan	,,	Mr Will: Cornwall, Mr Umphry Thompson.	John Armstrong.

For Revising Books.

Colrane	Prēbry,	Mr Higginbotham, Mr Porter.	
Derry	,,	Mr Thomas Harvey.	
Convoy	,,	Mr Wallace, Mr Henry.	
Down	,,	Mr Smith, Mr Ramsey, Mr Dickson.	
Antrim	,,	Mr Crichton, Mr Wilson, Mr Hendrson.	
Belfast	,,	Mr Stewart, Mr Seton.	
			Ruling Eldrs.
Tyrone	,,	Mr David Thomb, Mr Hu: Wallace.	John Rainey.
Ardmagh	,,	Mr Young, Mr Fleming, Mr Rainey.	John Woods.
Monahan	,,	Mr Fleming, Mr Thomson, Mr Hamilton.	Alex: Lawson.

For the Fund.

			Ruling Eldrs.
Cólrane	Prēbry,	Mr Will: Boyd.	Mr McCala.
Derry	,,	Mr James Blair.	—
Convoy	,,	Mr Laird.	Mr Culverson.
Down	,,	Mr Nevin.	Hugh McGown.
Antrim	,,	Mr Brown.	Hugh Lowse.
Belfast	,,	Mr Bruce.	John Lindsay.
Tyrone	,,	Mr Keñedy, junr.	John Boyd.
Ardmagh	,,	Mr John Wilson.	John Campbell.
Monahan	,,	Mr Thompson.	John Todd.

The Comittee for Overtures are to meet in the session house of the old Meeting House. Places where the said Comittees are to meet.

The Comittee for Funds to meet in the old Meeting House, when the other Comittees meet; the respective Prēbries to lay before this Comittee how matters are with their memb^rs intitled to the Fund, what is paid, and what is due; to be laid before this Comittee in the first Intervall of the Synod.

The Comittee for Bills to meet in the New Meeting House.

The Comittee for Books to meet in the session house of the new meeting house, and perform the work of revising books in the maner following:—

To revise the Book of Derry Synod—Mr Young, Mr Wallace, Mr Hamilton, Mr Crichton, Mr Ramsey, Mr Smith, Mr Stuart. The respective Clerks to attend their books when revis'd.

To revise the Book of Belfast Synod—Mr Thompson, Mr Fleming, Mr Rainey, Mr Thomb, Mr Higginbotham, Mr Hugh Wallace.

To revise the Book of Ardmagh Synod—Mr Tho: Harvey, Mr Henry, Mr Dickson, Mr Henderson, Mr Seton, Mr Wilson.

Derry book to be deliver'd to Mr Smith; Ardmagh book to be deliver'd to Mr Dickson; Belfast book to be deliver'd to Mr James Fleming. Books to be deliver'd.

The appointment of last Synod, in reference to Derry book, that is delay'd till next Synod, Mr Gray, Clerk to that Synod, being absent.

All the memb^rs of this Synod are appointed to observe our known rules for the Expeditious managm^t of Synodical business. Rules to be observ'd.

Dead since last Synod.

Mr John Dunlop, in Convoy Prēbry, dy'd Nob^r 29th; Mr Futt, of Antrim Prēbry, dy'd Decem^r 15th, 1713. Dead since last Synod.

Ordain'd, Licens'd, Install'd, Entred on Tryals, since last Synod; to enter on Tryals.

Colerain Prēbry ordain'd Mr John Porter, at Bushmills, July 21; Antrim ordain'd Mr John Henderson, at Dunean, Augt 26, to enter Mr Thomas Crichton on first Tryals; Monahan ordain'd Mr Robert Thompson, at Belturbet, Augt 23, & Mr Robert Rutherford, at Ahma-Carte, March 23, & Mr Alex^r Hamilton, at Galway, March 23, & Mr David Sim, at BalyBurrough, March 25; Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Patrick Simpson, at Dundalk, Decem^r 30; Derry licens'd Mr Isaac Taylor, Mr Robert Cross; Convoy licens'd Mr Willm Blair; Entred on first Tryals, Mr Nath^ll Cochren; Down install'd Mr James McAlpin, in Bellynahinch, March 20; licens'd Mr Robert Walker, Mr Francis Montgomery, Mr James Orr, Mr James Hamilton, and have entred Mr Francis MontGomery on second Tryals; Tyrone is to enter on first Tryals, Mr James McMullen, Mr Moses Clark. Ordain'd. Licens'd. Install'd. Entred on Tryals since last Synod.

Mr Greinlaw.

Mr John Greinlaw, from Scotland, desir'd that the Extract of his Licence to preach, and his testimonials, may be here read. The desire was granted.

The Licence to Mr Greinlaw by the Presbytry of Penpont, Anº 1709, with Testimonials from the places where he has been since that time, were read; all which were satisfying to this Synod. He being remov'd, agreed that any Prēsbry within the bounds of this Synod may employ him in an orderly way. He being call'd, this was intimated to him, as also his papers were return'd to him.

Adjourn'd till four of the clock, *post merid:*, the Comᵃ to meet at three of the Clock. This Sederᵗ concluded wᵗʰ prayʳ.

Sess: 3ª.

Die Mercur: horâ 4ª a merid: Roll being call'd, after prayʳ,

Sederunt qui supra.

The Questions at Ordinations are not yet ready to be produc'd to this Synod. This to be consider'd afterwards.

Breaky.

Breaky—Mr Umphry Thompson reports there is but Eight pounds ten shillings paid to Mr Lee. That affair to be brought into the Synod again.

Mrs Gilchrist, a Minrs Widow.

Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's Widow, her supplication for payment of what was ordered to her by the Synod, was read. This was referr'd till next sederunt.

The Prēsbry of Convoy made report that (according to appointment of last Synod) they admonisht Mr McCracken, one of their membrs, for not supplying Monaghan.

Balenderry.

As to Balenderry and MaghreGell, that affair having been recommitted to the Prēsbry of Belfast, with correspondents from the Prēsbries of Down and Antrim, Belfast Prēsbry now made report that the Prēbry, with correspondents, met, and circumscrib'd the bounds of Balenderry and MaghreGell congregation.

Ardmagh Book revis'd.

The Comittee for revising Sub-Synod Books made report that they revis'd Ardmagh book and approv'd it, except two or three particulars of which that Synod was advertis'd. The approbation was inserted.

Belfast Book revis'd.

The Comittee also revis'd Belfast book, and approv'd it, except a particular of which that Synod was advertis'd. The approbation was inserted. There is a particular relating to Mr John Jarvie referr'd to the Interloqʳ.

Derry book not approv'd.

Also, the book of Derry Synod was revis'd, but not approv'd. Ordered, that Derry Synod prepare their book to be revis'd at next Synod.

The Act of the Genˡˡ Synod, appointing Gross Sinnrs to appear before the respective Congregations, being read, Inquiry was made whether the appᵗment was observ'd. It appears that all the Minrs of the Synod have not publisht the Act from their Pulpits. Order'd, that these who have not publisht it, shall do it on the first Sabbath of September next.

A motion was made, that a Fast be appointed to be observ'd in all our Congregations. That affair was referr'd to the Interloqr. Report was made that the Fast recomended by last Synod to the several Prēbries has been observ'd. Fast was observ'd.

Kinaird—Capt: Cochren, Alexr Pringle, with several other Comrs, produced a Supplication, but it not being brought in by the Comittee of Bills, it is remitted to that Comittee, that it may be regularly introduc'd into the Synod. Kinaird.

The several Prēbries are appointed to pay to Mr Leech, for Mrs Gilchrist, what was recomended by the Synod, report of which is to be made at next sederunt. Mrs Gilchrist.

We voted time and place of next Synod to be on the third Tuesday of June next, at Antrim, sermon to begin at five of the clock that afternoon. Time & Place of next Synod.

Adjourn'd till 9 of the clock to morrow morning. This sederunt concluded with prayr.

Die Jovis, horâ nona ante Merid: Sess: 4a.

Roll call'd, after prayr, *sederunt qui supra.*

From Ahalow, by Comittee of Bills, Mr Francis Bell, Comr; from Trewgh, Mr Thomas Johnston, &c:; from Kinaird, Mr Will: Fearns, John Todd, &c:; from Minterbirn, Mr William Agnew, Fergus McGuffock; from BellymaGraan, Mr Robert Moor, &c:; all coming in by the Comittee of Bills, their several supplications being read and sustain'd.

Kinaird Comrs presented a supplication, wherein they desire that their Congregation may be continu'd entire, or, if any alteration be made, that the preliminary promist by the Comittee which met at Kinaird in August last, may be made good, vizt:—That their Minister, Mr William Ambrose, may have a sufficient Congregation, and sufficient maintenance. Kinaird.

A Petition from a Congregation erected in Trewgh by the Comittee in Augt last at Kinaird, desiring that, seeing they were erected into a Congregation, their Erection may be confirm'd by this Synod, that they may continue a distinct Congregation from the Congregation of Kinaird. Trewgh.

Also, a letter from Mr William Johnston of Tully (a member of the new congregation erected at Trugh) to this Synod, was read, desiring their Erection may be confirm'd.

Likewise, a petition from Minterbirn, desiring the bounds of their New Erection, made by the aforesaid Comittee at Kinaird, may be circumscrib'd by this Synod. Minterbirn.

A Petition from BellymaGraan, desiring that they may not be erected in conjunction with Minterbirn, but with Trewgh, thereby they will be an Erection distinct from Minterbirn. BellymaGraan.

A Petition from Ahalow, shewing that they are in a great arrear. To prevent their total sinking, they desire that so many of Bellyma-Graan be joyn'd to 'em, which will make up their Quota of Thirty Aghalow.

pound in the year. Parties being allow'd to add what further they have to say,

Kinaird.

Kinaird Com^rs made report that they have not to add, but refer to their Petiiōn, and expect what was promist by the Comittee at Kinaird will be perform'd as before mention'd.

Trewgh desire to have the benefit of the Comittee's minut.

Minterbirn desir'd that the people assign'd to that Congregation be not left to their Liberty to come and go as they please; that the bounds of their Congregation may be circumscrib'd, and their members be ascertain'd to 'em.

BellymaGraan added that they may have that part of Trewgh which belong'd to 'em before, and that they be in their Erection noe way concern'd with Minterbirn.

Aghalow desir'd that BellymaGrann be appointed to pay to 'em what they did owe before they were disañext from them.

Mr Ambrose desir'd to be heard, which was granted. He made report that there are one hundred and sixty families yet left to him when the Erections at Trewgh and Minterbirn are taken off. This he can't well believe. Some said there are 230 families. He further said, thô 'tis alledg'd they have paid him to a very litle, yet the contrary he well knows. All parties being heard, were remov'd. All papers, with what has been said on all sides, being deliberately consider'd, the Synod unanimously agreed that a select Comittee be appointed to frame an Overture upon this affair.

A select Com: was appointed on this.

Accordingly, Mr Umphry Thomson, Mr William Homes, Mr George Lang, Mr Alex^r Brown, Mr Tho: Keñedy, jun^r, Mr Tho: Gowan, M^r Ja: Blair, Mr Tho: Shaw, Ministers, and Mr John Boyd, Mr Will: Brown, Capt McNeil, Mr Rob: Rainey, Ruling Elders, were appointed to meet in the retiring room of the Old Meeting House, to frame an Overture and lay it before the Synod.

The Comittee of Overtures laid before this Synod that Mr Will: Homes, of Straban, designing to remove to New England, desires to take with him a Synodical Certificat. The Synod readily will grant it, as what in justice is due to him, after we inquire into the receiving of his dimission.

Adjourn'd till 5 of the clock in the afternoon. This Seder^t concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 5^a.

The Select Comittee which was appointed to overture in reference to Kinaird, Trewgh, and Minterbirn, who, with others before mention'd, were heard at last Sederunt, made report that they have fram'd an Overture, which they submit to the judgment of this Synod; which being read, is as follows:—

The Overture made by the Select Com:

1. A Line of the following Towns to divide Ahalow from Minterbirn, to begin at Creely—Glendavagh, Glenkeen, Tillybleety, Bochard, Le Gain, Rohachy, are all to be joyn'd to Minterbirn, and John Moor left to his choice whether he joyn to Minterbirn or Ahalow; which

said Towns, with the entire Manor of Minterbirn, within the Compass of Blackwater, shall make one Congregation for Mr Ambrose, the stipend whereof amounting to his first Quota.

2. Scarne Giroch, or Trewgh congregation, is to continue exactly as the Comittee of Kinaird did erect it, excepting that none shall be left to their Liberty, but all within the County of Monaghan toward Cur-Bridge to be Membrs of that Congregation.

3. The scatter'd wings in the County of Ardmagh shall be joyn'd to the adjacent Congregāons of Ardmagh, Minterbirn, Benburb, Kedy, and Trewgh, by perambulation, by authority of this Synod.

All parties being heard upon this new Overture, were remov'd, upon which several Brethren did represent the great conveniency and advantage of the said Overture; and thereupon we came to this vote—Approve the said Overture *in terminis* or not? It carry'd, by the plurality, approve *in terminis;* and seeing there is a perambulation therein propos'd for añexing the scatter'd wings in the County of Ardmagh to the adjacent Congregations, We nominate and appoint Mr Ja: Maxwel, Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Alexr Fleming, and Mr Samel McGachine to meet on last Tuesday of July, at Tynand, for that end and purpose; and now we further agreed that all the arrears due to Mr Ambrose & Mr Boyd be paid before the Prēbries plant them. Approv'd.

All Parties being call'd in, and this our conclusion read to 'em, Mr Ambrose heavily complain'd that, by this Overture, he is taken away from his friends, and those who still adher'd to him, and put upon a people with whom he can propose little ease or comfort. He being thereupon askt if he would rather that the proceedings of the Comittee at Kinaird should be confirm'd, to which he readily answer'd, that he desir'd rather to continue with that people which were appointed to him by the Comittee at Kinaird, let the Synod make the bounds never so litle. Then all parties having spoken, were remov'd. Mr Ambrose complains.

After much reasoning, this Question was put—Shall our Act, approving the Overture of the Select Comittee, be rescinded or not? It carry'd, by a great majority, in the affirmative; but it was mov'd, that before we confirm the proceedings of the Comittee at Kinaird, some amendments should be made, which was done, vizt:— Rescind the Act.

1. We agree and appoint that the miles allow'd to Mr Ambrose on Minterbirn side shall be two English miles from his own house, where he now dwells, but that beyond these bounds, all the people of Minterbirn shall be oblig'd to join with the New Erection of Minterbirn and BellymaGraan, according to the Act of the Comittee at Kinaird; and these are all the Bounds which Mr Ambrose is to expect to make the Preliminary good which the Comittee promist to him.

2. We agree and appoint that Capt Cochren, Mr Alexr Pringle, Mr Ferns, and Mr Luckie be allow'd to joyn with Mr Ambrose during his life, which two last persons are only allowed to joyn, providing the Prēbry of Monaghan find and give an equivalent for 'em to Trewgh out of Midleton side. The determination of the Com: at Kinaird, wth amendments, confirm'd.

3. We agree and appoint that the seven Towns mention'd in the Select Comittee's Overture by that part of BellymaGraan, which is to

be annext to Minterbirn, together with Drumearn, only John Moor is left to his Liberty to go to Minterbirn or Aghalow. Having agreed on these particulars, this vote was stated—Approve the Comittee's determination at Kinaird with these last amendments or not? It was carry'd in the affirm:, *nem: contradic:*

And further, we agreed that the former Brethren appointed in the Select Comittee's Overture for perambulation should meet at the time aforesaid to lay out and determine the two miles to Mr Ambrose on Minterbirn side. Parties being call'd, this was intimated to them.

Absents excus'd.

Absents from this Synod and excus'd:—Mrs Will: Howston, John Maior, Tho: Stirling, Rob: Haltridg, Ja: M'Grigor, Neil Gray, Robt Campbell, And: Ferguson, David Wilson, Tho: Wynsly, Wm Gray, Jon Ball, Hans Stuart, Sam: Hallyday, Seth Drumond, Wm Holmes, Cha: Lynd, David Ferlie, Rob: Wilson, Alexr M'Cracken, Jon Frieland, Jon McBride, Alexr McCracken, Jo: Riddell, Ja: Kirkpatrick, Franc: Iredell, Cha: Wallace, Rob: Wirlin, Tho: Keñedy, senr, Ja: Maxwel, Jo: Lee, Rob: Colthart, Ja: Teat, Wm Hair, Sam: Dunlop, Jo: McGahy, Rob: Rutherford, Nathel Orr, Tho: Milikin, Will: Taylor, Jo: McClave.

Not excus'd.

Mr Henry Neil absent, not excus'd.

A vow of marriage 'twixt Mr Higginbotham and Mrs Woods not perform'd.

A Reference from the Presbytry of Route (by the Comittee of Bills), relating to Mr Robt Higginbotham, Minister in Colerane, and Mrs Martha Woods, of four-Lone-Ends, in the paroch of Belfast, concerning a purpose of marriage 'twixt 'em never yet perform'd, was laid before the Interloqr. The Interloqr having heard and consider'd the same, did refer it to open Synod. It coming in orderly, and papers being read, vizt, the narrative of James Woods, father to the said Martha Woods; also Mr Higginbotham's narrative was read; the judgmt of Minrs and Geñtmen (to whom the affair was by all parties referr'd) was also read. Papers being read, and parties being heard, were remov'd. The Synod having reason'd at great length on the affair, appointed Mr Mairs, Mr Orr, Mr Gowan to form a narrative thereupon. These Brn having remov'd, laid the following narrative before the Synod, which was approv'd:—

Brn were appointed to form a narrative, wch was laid before the Synod and approv'd.

There being a *fama clamosa* of a solemn promise and contract of marriage 'twixt Mr Robt Higginbotham, of Colerane, and Mrs Martha Woods, of four-Lone-Ends, in the paroch of Belfast, daughter to Mr James Woods, the spreading of which oblig'd both parties to refer the consideration of the same promise and contract to the following persons:—Mrs James Kirkpatrick, Thomas Gowan, Dr Ferguson, Mr James Arbuceles—with a view to have the Ensueing Question or Case of Conscience resolv'd, vizt:—

Whether it be Lawfull and expedient for Mr Higginbotham and Mrs Woods to quit the obligations they are under with respect to a contract of marriage, and what the duty of each of 'em is in that matter.

The said persons having met, and spent much time and pains in hearing parties, examining evidences, and reading original paprs, &c:, gave the resolution of the case, vizt:—As the case is complexly taken, it's their opinion that mutual consent can't lawfully be giv'n to the

disolution of the obligation between the before mention'd Mr Higginbotham, and Mrs Woods; but if any of 'em obstinately refuse to perform these obligations, the other party, willing to perform, is free in the sight of God and man, and is at Liberty, according to the Word of God, to marry another person; but the person refusing to perform these obligations, shall have the guilt of breaking 'em upon their own head.

Which resolutions, with the serious advice of the Referees, were giv'n to all parties concern'd, at a visitation of the Prēsbran Congregation of Colerane, held by the Prēbry of Rout on

The Session and Congregaōn severally complain'd that they heard the said *Fama Clamosa*, and desir'd it might be enquir'd into; which the Prēsbry taking into their consideraōn, and Mr James Woods having employ'd and empower'd one Mr King, of Colerane, to act for him in that affair, laid before the said Prēbry a full narrative of Courtship, vows, Promises, &c., between the parties above mention'd. The Prēsbry, upon a full hearing of all sides, advis'd Mr Higginbotham to marry Mrs Woods so soon as they could be orderly proclaim'd; and in case he refus'd to comply with this advice before the meeting of the Genll Synod in June 15th, at Belfast, to refer the affair complexly to the determination and cognisance of the said Gen: Synod. Mr Higginbotham not having comply'd with the said advice, the Prēsbry of Rout brought that Refer in an orderly way before this Synod.

The Synod resolv'd to enquire into this matter; and having read the minuts of the Prēsbry of Rout relative to it, and having call'd all parties concern'd, and having sent for such of the Referees as could be found, the said Referees gave a brief accot of the affair as manag'd by 'em, laid before the Synod a paper containing a Narrative of this whole business given by Mr Woods and another by Mr Higginbotham in answer to it, which were read and contain'd references to several papers—vizt, an attested Copy of a solemn contract entred into by the above parties in the year 1704 at Major Handcock's, of Twyford, in the following words—which contract Mr Woods alledged was afterwards confirm'd by the said parties by their Solemn oath upon the Holy Bible; to prove which he call'd Mr Malcom to give Evidence. Mr Malcom being call'd, said that, as Mr Higginbotham told him, the said contract was confirm'd by the mutual oath of the parties upon a large Bible in Major Handcock's Hall. The said Mr Higginbotham coming to the North, upon discourse with Mr Woods, shew'd him the contract, and discours'd of the Courtship. Mr Woods dissuaded him from persisting in it. Mr Higginbotham answer'd, he could not, without denying the Being of a God and Conscience, and turn an Atheist. The said Mr Higginbotham said generally in the North, and none of his relations said any thing agt it, thô his Brother and sister knew the whole matter, as is confesst on all hands, and his father also, as appears by Certificats of Robert Somervill and Samuel Watson, asserting that old Mr Higginbotham knew of this Courtship in the year 1705; the draught of which being here read was approv'd. The affair to be further considered at next Sedert.

The Contract

Evidence proving that Mr Higginbotham said he had vow'd to marry Martha Woods.

From Monahan appear'd Mr Samuel Black, John Gilmer, Comrs, gratefully acknowledging the Synod's regard to that Congregation, and

Monahan.

humbly desiring a Synodical appointment of supplies to that people till next Synod, or till they be planted with a Gospel Min^{r}. The petition was granted. The several Prēbries were appointed to withdraw and choose their supplyer. Having return'd, made report as followeth :—

Each supplyer to supply the congregation six Sabbath days.

Supplies.

The Prēsbry of Monahan to begin the supplies of that Prēbry on the fourth day of July next—Mr Brown. The Prēbry of Belfast begin on the fifteenth day of Aug^{t}—Mr Cobham & Mr Doñaldson. The Prēbry of Colrane begin on the twenty-sixth day of Sept^{r}—Mr Thomson. The Prēbry of Derry begin on the seventh day of Novemb^{r}—Mr Cross & Mr Murray. The Prēbry of Convoy begin on the nineteenth day of Decem^{r}—M^{r} Jo: Holmes. The Prēbry of Down begin on the thirtieth day of Jan^{ry}—M^{r} Ja: Orr. The Prēbry of Antrim begin on the thirteenth day of March—M^{r} Ja: Hud. The Prēbry of Tyrone begin on the twenty-fourth day of Aprile—M^{r} Jo: Keñedy. The Prēbry of Ardmagh begin on the fifth day of June—M^{r} Ja: Fraser.

A Letter from Mr Darroch.

A Letter from Mr Robert Darroch was read, wherein he desires that the people in Monahan Congregation may be appointed to pay what they owe him in stipend. The letter being considered,

Ord^{r} thereupon.

This Synod recomended to the Prēbry of Monahan to endeavour that the people of Monahan pay to Mr Darroch what appears justly due to him.

Rathfryland.

Bellyroney.

A Petition from Rathfryland (by Com: of Bills) was read, complaining that they want forty shill: ℣ year of their Quota on the Erection of Ballyroney, ordered to them by the Gen: Synod; also a Pētiion from Bellyroney, complaining that some of the people wch were app^{ted} to that Erection of Bellyrony are detain'd by Rathfryland. They therefore supplicate that, pursuant to the Act of the Gen: Synod, an^{o} , they may have a just division. This affair being considered, the Question was put, whether this Synod will refer this matter to the Prēbry of Ardmagh (und^{r} whose care both these Congregāons are), or to the Prēbry with Correspond^{ts}? It carry'd, refer to that Prēbry with Correspondents.

The affair referr'd to Ardm: Prēbry with Correspond^{ts}.

Then Mr Nivin and Mr Ramsey, from Down Prēbry; Mr Milikin, Mr Wallace, from Tyrone Prēbry; Mr Gowan, Mr Seton, from Belfast Prēbry, were appointed to correspond with the Prēbry of Ardmagh on the affair depending 'twixt Rathfryland and Bellyroney, three, at least, of these Correspond^{ts} to be present.

Upon a motion made—Ordered that all pap^{rs} wch can give light in this affair, particularly these pap^{rs} in the hands of Mr John Comack in the Congregation of Moyra, shall be laid before the said Prēbry with Correspond^{ts}, who are to meet at Rathfryland on July 27th, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, and determine the said affair.

Adjourn'd till Eight a clock to morrow morning. This Seder^{t} concluded with pray'r.

Die ven: hord octava ante merid: Roll call'd, after pray^r, Sess: 6^a.

Sederunt qui supra.

The affair relating to Mr Higginbotham and Mrs Woods being resum'd, agreed to call in Mr Higginbotham. He being come, the judgm^t of this Synod was read to him. He, in own vindication, said that what he had from divines, whose opinion he read, gave him to believe that he was not oblig'd to perform the aforesaid vow, not having his Parent's consent; but now declares himself willing to acquiesce in the Synod's judgment, that his promises to marry Martha Woods are binding. He promist to marry the said Martha so soon as he can. He desir'd, seeing duty binds him to use all possible means to gain his father's consent thereunto, that a Minister or two of this Synod may be appointed to converse with his father, who may happily influence him to consent to what he has now promist, and has been the declar'd judgm^t of this Synod. Mr Bruce and Mr Mairs were appointed to go out and converse with old Mr Higginbotham to the desir'd end. Mr Higginbotham being remov'd, the Question was put—What censure shall be inflicted on him for his so miscarrying in the aforesaid affair? It carry'd *nem:, contradic:*, Rebuke him for taking on vows in his father's family, and after he was *foris familiar*, having renew'd those vows, which he did not perform. Mr Higginbotham. to be rebukt.

Mr Bruce and Mr Mairs having return'd, made report that they convers'd wth Mr Higginbotham's father, but could not prevail with him to give consent to his son's marrying Mrs Woods, yet could give noe solid reason against it. Old Mr Higginbotham will not consent to his son's marrying Mrs Woods.

It was further mov'd and agreed to, seeing Mr Higginbotham's carriage in this affair has giv'n great offense to the people in Colerane, to whom he is an ordain'd Pastor, that a letter be writ from this Synod to that people, for removing the offense he has given 'em in this affair. Mr Abernethy was appointed to write that letter. Write to Colerane.

Mr Robt Higginbotham being call'd in, was rebukt, and exhorted to study a Conversation suitable to his station. He received the Censure with all due regard, and promist in his after life to evidence that he was sincere in what he professt before this Synod. Mr Hig: was rebuk'd.

From the Comittee of Overtures it was overtur'd that all the Memb^rs of this Synod do pray for the Illustrious House of Hanover, and against a Popish Pretender, with all his Abett^rs; was brought into the Interloq^r, who fram'd an Overture on the same, which was read and approv'd in open Synod. It is as follows:—

An Act recomending pray^r in Congregations and Families for Her Mag^tie Queen Anne, and the serene George Lewis, Duke of Brunswick, Lunenburg, and the Succession to the Crown in the Illustrious House of Hanover, and against the Pretend^r, and against all his secret and open abett^rs.

Whereas, it's an Indispensable duty incumbent upon subjects to pray for their Lawfull Sovereign, and the Apostle doth require us to pray for Kings and all in authority, and Her Matie Queen Ann is our only Rightfull and Lawfull Sovereign: we do, therefore, exhort and Pray for the Queen.

require all Ministers of this Synod, and people of the Prēsb^ran Persuasion under their Pastoral care, to offer up pray^rs and supplications to Almighty God for a Blessing upon Her Matie's Royal Person and Goverm^t.

The House of Hanover.

And whereas, the Legislature being convinc'd by dolefull experience of the unspeakable mischiefs of a Popish Succession, have, after the demise of Her Matie, and failing the Heirs of Her body being Protestants, happily settled the Succession to the Crown of these Kingdoms in the Illustrious House of Hanover, being Protestants, the preservation of which Settlement is of the utmost Importance to the Interest of Religion and Liberty, not only in Great Britain and Ireland, but also in all Europe.

And whereas, the most Serene George Lewis, Elect^r of Brunswick, is now, since the death of His mother, the Princess Sophia, first in the Entail of the said Succession: we do, therefore, earnestly recomend it as a duty incumbent on all said Ministers and People in the public worship, and in their private families, to pray for the preservation of the said happy Succession, and for the Divine Blessing upon the said Serene Elector and his Illustrious family, either expressly nameing the said family, or using such terms as may necessarily imply the said Illustrious Family.

Ag^t the Popish Pretend^r and all his Abett^rs.

And whereas, Her Matie's Rightfull Title, and the said Establisht Succession to the Crown, have been and are oppos'd by a Popish Pretend^r, whose pernicious claim is openly abetted in many places, particularly in this Kingdom, where great numb^rs of Persons have been inlisted for His service, as appears by the seasonable and Excellent Proclamations publisht by the Ld Lieut: and Council against such Traitors and their most wicked and treasonable practice.

We, therefore, in like mañer, seriously recomend it as a duty incumbent upon the said Ministers and People to pray fervently for a happy disappointment to the designs and devices of the said Pretender, and all who are in his Interest abroad and at home.

Which Act being again read in open Synod —Ordered, that it be recomended to our Ministers and People to observe the same as is mention'd in the Act, and that the said Act be Entred in our Minuts.

Adjourn'd till 4 *a merid:* This Seder^t concluded wth pray^r.

Sess: 7^a.

Die ven: hora 4^a *post merid:* Roll call'd, after pray'r,

Sederunt qui supra.

Mr George Lang mov'd, in Mr Higginbotham's name, seeing old Mr Higginbotham had gone away displeas'd, that he may be allow'd the space of three months from this time for fulfilling his promise to marry Mrs Martha Woods; which if he do not perform within the said three moneths, he is willing that any censure be inflicted on him.

The Prēbry of Rout to depose Mr Higginbotham if he do not perform what is now promist.

Agreed to give him the desir'd time. Ordered, that the Prēsbry of Rout depose him if he do not fulfill his promise.

Whereas, Dr Victor Ferguson, Comissionate by a people in Drum-

arah, appear'd, desiring that the Act of the late Gen: Synod wth respect to that Erection may be confirm'd. Drumarah.

This Synod, considering that all the parties concern'd are not here, agreed that the affair of Drumarah shall stand as ordered by last Synod; yet it's not intended by this that the Proceedings of the Prēsbry of Ardmagh in that affair shall be hereby nullify'd or prejudic'd.

Adjourn'd till 8 to morrow morning. This Seder^t^ concluded with pray^r^.

Die Sat: Hora 8ª ante merid. Roll call'd, after pray^r^, Sess: 8va.

Seder^t^ qui supra.

Comber, in the Prēsbry of Down, by their Com̄^rs^, desir'd that their appeal from a late sentence of the Synod of Belfast, disannexing two Towns—viz:, Munlagh and TullyGarvan—from the congregation of Comber, and añexing 'em to Tannoghnieve, may be now consider'd by this Synod. Parties being call'd, the minut of Belfast Synod on that affair was read, the appeal of Comber from the minut or sentence was read, as also the reasons for the said appeal, and then the answers to these reasons were read. Comber Com̄^rs^ produc'd two letters from Mr Kyle and Mr Hadinton, concern'd in those Towns, shewing their utter aversness to disannexing the said Towns from Comber. Comber.

The Synod of Belfast offer'd their reasons for disannexing Munlagh and TullyGarvan from Comber, and joyning 'em to Tannoghnieve. It was urg'd that all the loss Comber will sustain by the want of those aforesaid towns will not exceed forty shill: ℔ year. The parties being remov'd, the state (after reasoning) of the vote was—Whether confirm the sentence of Belfast Synod in disannexing those two towns from Comber and joyning them to Tanochnieve, or not? It carry'd, *nem: contradic:* confirm. Parties being call'd, this was read to 'em. The Sentence of Belf^t^ Synod confirm'd

Mr Willm Holmes of Straban, intending to go to New England, apply'd to the Interloq^r^ for a Synodical Testimonial. The reasons of his dimission being sustain'd, thô with some reluctancy, the Synod was prevail'd with, lest his not imbracing the opportunity wch now offers might be prejudicial to the worthy Brother, to grant him a Synodical Certificat; which was now read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by our Mod^r^ and Clerk. A Synod: Testim: giv'n to Mr Wm Holmes of Straban.

Then we adjourn'd till one of the clock *a merid:*

This Seder^t^ concluded wth pray^r^.

Die Sat: horâ prima a merid. Roll call'd, after pray^r^, Sess: 9^a^.

Sed^t^ qui supra.

The Congregation of Tañochnieve supplicated, seeing some Towns are taken from 'em and joyn'd to a New Erection at Kilmore, for the continuance with 'em a Town-land call'd Cahard. That matter does not seem ripe for a decision here; therefore the Synod remitted the con- Tanochnieve. Cahard.

siderāon of that affair to the Prēbry of Down, to do therein as they shall see cause.

Larne in the Presbytry of Antrim.

A Refer from the Prēbry of Antrim, subscrib'd by the Clerk of that Prēbry, to this Synod, the cause of which refer is the difficulty they have to plant the Congregation of Larne, being read; also, the minuts of that Prēbry relative to that affair, likewise a petition from a part of that Congregāon, desiring that Mr James Hud, probationer, may be their fix'd Pastor—Mr Patrick Agnew, with others, Comiss^rs to prosecute their purpose to have Mr Hud, were heard.

The Prēbry minuts do signify that there is another part of the Congregation who presse for one Mr Sam: Getty to be the fixt Pastor of the Congregāon. None of the people for Mr Getty appear'd now in this Synod. The Prēbry inform'd the Synod that the people were told that this matter in debate would be brought into the Synod, yet they have gone away, but left a Protest against referring it to the Synod. It being mov'd, that seeing the pap^rs of the party for Mr Hud, and who are present, have been read in Synod, that the pap^rs of the absent party for Mr Getty be also read, that there may be noe shadow of partiality in the Synod—Ordered, that the Pap^rs of the absent party be read, wch was done.

It was propos'd, as a good expedient to heal the rents among that people, that the parties (seeing they can't agree in one of these Probationers) quit them both, and agree in a third person. Mr Mairs, Mr Orr, Mr Lang, and Dr Ferguson were appointed to go out and converse with Mr Agnew and those who appear for Mr Hud, and signify to the people how convenient it will be for the whole congregation to unite in a third person, seeing it doth not yet appear that they will unite in either Mr Hud or Mr Getty.

The Br^n, with Dr Ferguson, returning, made report that they deliver'd the message, and comun'd with Mr Agnew and the Com^rs that appear for Mr Hud; that these Gen^tmen appear willing to take the Synod's advice; upon w^ch, we came to this Question—Whether we will advise 'em and the other party to wave the prosecution of this affair, and lay aside thoughts of calling any of those young Gen^tmen, Mr Hud or Mr Getty, unless they come to some desireable unanimity in the choice of one of 'em? It carry'd, by a great majority, Advise 'em to it. We also agree that if Mr Agnew, &c., do not acquiesce in this advice, they shall have a full hearing of their cause on Monday next at two a'clock in the afternoon. In the mean time, this Synod is of opinion that Mr Agnew & the rest who are for calling Mr Hud, and attended here, have acted regularly in what steps they made before us, and it's only for peace sake we have giv'n 'em this advice. We're dissatisfy'd with the obstinacy of the other party, as by their Expressions in their paper read to us.

Advice given to them.

That this advice may be the better manag'd, 'tis agreed that Mr Gowan go to Larne and preach there to-morrow, and he is to take the conveniency of advising both parties, that both parties may fall from Mr Hud and Mr Getty, seeing they can't agree in one of 'em, and unite in calling a third person; and if the advice be not embrac'd, that the

parties concern'd may attend this Synod on Monday next at 4, *a merid:* at which time the whole affair shall be discusst and determin'd.

A supplication from Mr Robt Neilson of Killrachts was read, and referr'd to the Interloqr.

Ordered, who can reach their Congregations this day may now go away, and preach to their people, and return hither on Monday.

Then we adjourn'd till Monday at 4 a clock *a merid:* This Sedt concluded wth pray'r.

Die Lunæ, hora 4a post merid: Roll call'd, after prayr. Sess: 10a.

Mr Gowan made report, that according to appointmt he went to Larne, conveen'd the people, and deliver'd the Synod's advice as before mention'd; that their answer was, they embrace the Synod's advice, that if they can't unite in Mr Hud or Mr Getty they will fix on a third person. His diligence was approv'd. Embrac'd.

This Synod was concluded with prayr.

Interloqr 1st.

Mr Andrew Craford made report that the appointment of last Synod's Interloqr laid on him—to subdivide R:D:—was duely observ'd. The Brethren acknowledg that they receiv'd their share. He also reports that, by appointment, he paid to Mr Bryce Blair Three pound, four shill:, six pence, for services done to this Synod. R:D: Mr B: Blair.

Mr Sam: Henry presented a supplication to the Prēsbry of Convoy, which, by that Prēsbry and Comittee of Bills, was laid before the Interloquitur, which, with that motion made by the Com: of Overtures, was here considered. The supplication being read, is to the following purpose:—That he labours under very great difficulties in Slego, where he has been Minister for several years; that the people are not able to support him; that Ten pound ℔ year, for the two last years, was payable to him by Derry Prēsbry; that there is above seventeen pound of that money due to him. That Prēbry being askt why they are so far deficient, answer'd, by one of their membrs, that the necessitous circumstances of other congregations is a cause; that it's reported that Slego is not so weak as some of their own congregations. Mr Sam: Henry. Slego.

Some Brn of Convoy Prēsbry (under whose inspection Slego is) made report that some of their Brethren were on the place, and did find mattrs very discouraging in Slego. This affair was referr'd to the Com: of Funds. The several Prēbries are to lay before that Com: how such membrs of their Prēsbries, intituled to the Fund, are paid. This meeting of the Presbytries is to be in the Intervalls of the Synod. Referr'd to the Com: of Funds.

Ordered, that Derry Prēbry pay what they owe to Mr Henry among the first payments they make.

The French Church (the Synod having some time agoe appointed a Collection in our several Prēbries, for assistance to that people in building their Church or Meeting House).—Enquiry was now made, French Church in Dublin.

whether the Prēsbries have collected and transmitted according to appointm^{t}. Colrane Prēbry reported report that they have sent four pounds to Dublin for that service, for which they have receit; that there is one pound three shillings in Town, which they were appointed to pay to Mr Isaac McCartney, who will transmit it. That Prēbry complain'd that some of their number have collected none for that use. Order'd, that that Prēbry do recōmend to such of their number who are deficient, to be active in getting what they can, and transmit to M^{r} McCartney, or to Dublin. The other Prēbries are to prepare their report of what they have collected at next sederunt.

Breaky.

Breaky—The minuts of last Synod's Interloq^{r} relating to that affair being read, Monahan Prēsbry made report that they have an overture concerning that affair to be laid before the Synod. Order'd, that it be laid before the Com: of Overtures.

A letter was writ to Mr Sinclar, Dublin.

The last Synod having appointed Mr Holmes and Mr Kirkpatrick to write to Mr Alex^{r} Sinclar, of Plunketstreet, Dublin, report is now made that the app^{t}ment was obey'd.

AhmaCarte planted.

AhmaCarte—Report is made that the place, according to appointm^{t}, was supply'd, and is now planted, by Prēbry of Monahan, with Mr Robt Rutherford.

Com: of Funds.

The appointment of last year's Com^{ttee} for the Fund was now read. That affair is to be consider'd by the Com: of Funds.

Ardmagh & Antrim complain of Down Prēsbry.

Complaint was made by the Prēsbry of Ardmagh that one of their Probaōn^{rs} who supply'd Galway in the year 1712 was not paid; that there is five pound due by the Prēbry of Down, which should have been paid on that acco^{t}. Antrim Prēbry also complain'd that Mr Hud, their supplyer of Galway, is not paid, because their money is in the hands of Down Prēbry to the sum of 5 pound. Ordered, that Down Prēbry prepare an answer to these Compl^{ts} at next sederunt.

Complaint made of the actings of a Com:, not being a Quorum.

Their defense.

Inquiry was made if the Synod's fixt Cōmittee met since last Synod? Complaint was made that in Novb^{r} last Ministers to the number of 12 (15 being the Quorum of that Com: appointed by the Synod), and had done these things, as appears by their minuts, which are not regular, they not being a Quorum. The memb^{rs} of that meeting made defence, thô they acknowledge they were but 12 in number, yet having the opportunity of other Brethren then present, desir'd their concurrence; that the circumstances of this Church, in their apprehension, were such that it was necessary something should be done; further, that the Com: which met in Decem^{r} 16, and being the Synod's Quorum, did proceed on the measures laid down by y^{r} Com:, which met in Nob^{r}, only with this difference, that the supply to the Br^{n}, Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy, who were sent to Dublin in behalf of this Church, was ordered to be paid by the Prēbries, and not out of R:D: which the Com: in Nob^{r} had ordered. They also said that their ordering it out of R:D: was by way of loan, to answer the present strait. The minuts of the Com^{s}: in Nob^{r} and Decem^{r} were read.

It was voted—Whether these Br^{n} who met in Nob^{r} last, and acted as if they had been a full Quorum of the Synod's Com: (we having heard

'em in their defences) should be remov'd? It was carry'd, they should remove. Remove these Brn.

It was mov'd—Whether these Prēbries who judicially consider'd the proceedings of that suppos'd Com: in Nobr last should give their judgmt now *pro & con.* It carry'd in the affirm:

That Com:, before they remov'd, desir'd that an Overture, made by the Com: in Decer 16 (where was the Synod's full Quorum) may be read; it was allow'd to be read, & is as folls:—That those who were appointed members of the Com: and did not come, neither were any sent in their place, that the cause of this be enquir'd into, and that this Interloqr may lay down such measures that for the future there may be a full Quorum, which would prevent much trouble which proceeds from the absence of the appointed membrs of the Com: This to be consider'd afterwards. Overture made thereupon.

The Interloqr then considered whether the Brn who met in Nobr last and acted as if they had the authority of a full Quorum, be censurable or not? It carry'd, they are censurable. Then it was voted, admonish or rebuke 'em for so doing? It carry'd, by a great majority, admonish. They being call'd in, were admonish'd, and were exhorted to observe the apptment of the Synod more punctually for the future. Admonish the Brn who acted, not being a Quorum.

Then the above Overture, made by the Com: in Xbr 16, was considered. The Brn who were appointed members of the Synod's Com:, and were absent from that Com: in Nobr, were required to give accot of their absence, wch is so justly quarrell'd by the Brn who were now admonisht for their acting without authority. The names of these who were altogether absent, and some, thô they came, went away before the business of the Com: was concluded, were now read, viz:—Mrs Umphry Thomson, Alexr Fleming, Ja: Blair, Ja: Bruce, Jo: Mairs, Math: Clark, Will: Holmes, Sam: Dunlop, Tho: Keñedy, Moses Cherrie; who were now excus'd for their reasons given—such as sickness of some, intemperate weather, and distance of some from the place of the Comittee's meeting. Mrs Archd Boyd, Seth Drumond, Ja: McGrigor, And: Ferguson, Tho: Wynsly, Ja: Teatt, who were absent from that Com:, and also are absent from this Synod, these are to be examin'd afterward. All members of the Synod's Com: are appointed to attend punctually as far as able Absents f'm the Synod's Com:; some excus'd, others not.

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Ordered, that the sevl Prēsbries return at next sedert the names of those whom they desire to be members of the Synod's fixt Com: till next Synod.

Mr Alexr Sinclar, of Plunketstreet, and his Ruling Elder, Mr Jon Cuthbert, desir'd this Interloqr may now consider what they propos'd to last Synod in reference to Mr Sam: Hallyday, junr, whom that Congregation desires to be Colleague to their minister, Mr Sinclar. Mr Sinclar desir'd that what is in dependance 'twixt that congregāon and the Prēsbry of Belfast may be wav'd at the time, and that the Installment of Mr Hallyday may go on. He read a letter from Mr Hallyday, importing that if he be install'd in Plunketstreet, it's his desire that it may be with approbation of the Gen: Synod. Plunketstreet. Mr Hallyday.

Mr Abernethy read a letter from Mr Boyse, in name of the Prēbry of Dublin, signifying that Plunketstreet congregation are generally satisfy'd to be subject to Dublin Prēsbry, as also to be subject to the Genll Synod.

The last Synod's minut relating to Plunketstreet was read, what was propos'd by Mr Sinclar and his Elder, and Mr Boyse's letter being considered. It was agreed that Mr Mairs, Mr Bruce, Mr Orr, write a letter in name of this Interloqr to the Prēbry of Dublin, and signify that it's our desire that our Reverend Brethren and members of the Prēbry of Dublin may, so soon as this matter comes before them in an orderly way, proceed to the Installment of our Brother, Mr Hallyday; and as to any differences that have been, or yet are, betwixt the said Congregation of Plunketstreet and Prēbry of Belfast not determin'd, this Synod waves the same for the time, resolving hereafter, if the Lord will, to considr the same, and adjust therein, as they shall see cause, without the least partiality or injustice.

Write to the Prēsbry of Dublin concerning Plunket street Congregāon.

Mr Sinclar and Mr Craghead were appointed to inform that Prēbry of those things that have been under cognisance of this Synod. The continuance of Plunketstreet relation to one of the Northern Prēbries, that to be wav'd at this time.

Mr Stuart, of Glen, presented a supplication ℘ Com: of Bills, shewing that he has receiv'd but Eight pound, of Twenty seven pnds. It plainly appears to this Interloqr, from the present comuning, that the assistance to him by the several Prebries has not been giv'n. The several Prēbries are to report at next sedert what they have pay'd to Mr Stuart.

Mr Stuart, Glen.

3.

The several Prēbries return'd the names of the membrs of the fixt Comittee, as follows:—

Fixt Comittee to meet at Dun-Genan.

From Colerane Prēsbry,	Mr Mathew Clark, Mr Woodsyd, Mr McGrigor.
From Tyrone Prēbry,	Mr Thomas Keñedy, junr, Mr Thomas Milikin, Mr Archd Boyd.
From Down Prēbry,	Mr James Bruce, Mr Thom: Orr, Mr James Reid.
From Derry,	Mr Jo: Harvey, Mr Will: Gray, Mr Ja: Blair.
From Ardmagh,	Mr Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Geo: Lang, Mr Gilbt Keñedy.
From Belfast,	Mr And: Craford, Mr Jam: Kirkpatrick, Mr Jam: Cobham.
From Convoy,	Mr Drumond, Mr Dunlop, Mr Laird.
From Monahan,	Mr Wm Cornwall, Mr Sam: McGachine, Mr Will: Hair.
From Antrim,	Mr Alexr Brown, Mr Jo: Abernethy, Mr Cha: Masterton.

Which nomination was approv'd.

If any of these members can't come, the Prēbry, being seasonably appris'd, shall send one in his room. It was by vote carry'd, that Dungeñan is the place where this Com̄: is to meet, 13 to be the Quorum. Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclar, and Mr Craghead, on occurring emergents relating to this Church, are to call the Com: These Brn are to write to Mr Bruce for Belft Synod, to Mr Hutcheson for Ardmagh Synod, to Mr Laird for Derry Synod, and signify the causes of calling the Com:—thereby the Prēbries may know the causes. Our Dublin Brn are also to write in all matters of our com̄on concern. Also ordered, that what light the members of the Com: can have from their Prēbries, they shall take it; yet not to be restricted thereto, because something not foreseen by the Prēbries or membrs of the Com: may fall in when the Com: meets.

Order'd, that the Extract of this appointmt, with the names of the membrs of the Com:, be sent to our Brn in Dublin, for their better direction in calling the Com:.

Mr Hugh Henry, of Drogheda, complain'd that much of what was promist to him by the Synod is yet due. In his accot, the Prēbry of Belfast owes for 1712, £27 : 12 : 0; for 1713, 15 pound—*plus minus*. Some made report that considerable sums have been paid to him by that Prēsbry. This affair not being fully prepar'd for the Interloqr, it's remitted to the Prēbries of Down & Belfast to meet upon it, and make report to next sedert. Mr Henry, Drogheda.

It being mov'd that Mr John Lee's circumstances are very deplorable, R:D:, which was his greatest outward support, being now suspended, his case was remitted to the Com: of Funds to make an Overture upon it. Mr Lee.

Mr John Wilson obtain'd leave to go home.

By the Com: of Overtures, Mr Henry's case in Slego was brought into the Interloqr. Derry Prēbry being much in arrear to him, Ordered that Derry discount, and pay the Ballance *primo quoq: tempore*. Overtur'd, that 5 pnd ℔ year be added out of the Fund to him, his circumstances in Slego requiring it. Agreed. Mr Henry, Slego.

The Com: of Funds propos'd that the Prēbry of Colerane has paid to Mr Stuart, of Glen, 8 pound out of 27 pound, which 27£ was the full allowance by the Synod for 3 years. That Prēbry was appointed to advance speedily the remaining money to him, and that Mr Dunlop, of Athlone, and Mr Stuart, being both applotted on that Prēbry, that the Prēbry pay them equally. Mr Stuart, Glen. Colr: Prēb: pay him.

Ordered, that the Com: of Funds propose some effectual expedient how Prēbries that are deficient in paying their proportion of the Fund may be brought up to pay their propōrion.

Mr Stuart gave accot of what is due to him by the sevl Prēbries before his allowance was fixt on the Fund. He was ordered to give an Extract to every Prēbry what they owe, and who owe to him are to pay it soon, if they do not pay him now.

From the Com: of Overtures:—

Overt: 1. That all the members of this Synod pray, in place of publick worship, and all of our persuasion pray in their families, for the Pray for the Illustr: House of Hanover.

Illustrious House of Hanover, and ag^{t} a Popish Pretend^{r}, with all his abetters. This was agreed to in Synod, and was made a Synodical Act.

Moyra to get assistance.

2. That Moyra Congregation, considering the circumstances of that place, be allow'd some assistance by the Com: of Funds. Mr Gilbert Keñedy, a member of this Com:, was appointed to lay this Overture before the Com: of Funds.

S: Smith, jun^{r}, of Belfast.

3. The case of Mr Sam: Smith, jun^{r}, of Belfast, lately excomunicated for marrying after our way; this was referr'd to the Interloq^{r}, where those concerned are to be present and give light in the affair.

4. Mr Will: Holmes, of Straban, to get a Synod: Certificat. That was done in the Synod, *q: v:*

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Belfast Prēbry gave reasons why they ordain'd M^{r} Jo: Jarvie.

A particular in the book of Belfast Synod, relating to Mr Jarvie, was now brought into this Interloq^{r}. The remark being read, is as follows :—That the Synod of Belfast had allow'd the Prēbry of Down to ordain Mr John Jarvie, designing to go to some of the plantations in America, upon his application to that Prēbry; yet it appears that the Prēbry of Belfast ordain'd him. Down was askt why they did not ordain Mr Jarvie; who answer'd that they had not clearness to do it. Then Belfast Prēbry was askt why they did ordain him. The Clerk of that Prēbry made report there was a Comittee app^{t}ed to perfect their minut relating to Mr Jarvie, but it's not yet done. The Mod^{r} of that Prēbry was allow'd to give acco^{t} of that matter, *viva voce,* which he did as follows :—

That Mr Jarvie having a great inclination to go to some of the Plantations in America, Down Prēbry having signified that to the late Synod of Belfast, and gave a very good character of him—Mr John Jarvie bringing Testimonials from the Prēbry of Down to the Prēbry of Belfast, which was abundantly satisfying—he readily subjected to the Prēbry of Belfast; that Mr Robert Wilson, merch^{t} in Belfast, wrot to Mr Kirkpatrick, to be comunicate to the Prēbry of Belfast, that there was a ship in the Logh of Belfast bound for South Carolina; that the seamen and passengers amount to the number of (70), that it was earnestly desir'd that they may have a Chaplain on board, and if ordain'd, so much the better for the voyage, and also for the person to be ordain'd and the Country whither they are bound—therefor desir'd, seeing Mr Jarvie inclines to sail in the ship, that he may be ordain'd before he go, and that it may be done as soon as possible, because the ship will soon be clear to sail; which letter being consider'd in the Interloq^{r}, and then in full Prēbry in May last, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with him in order to ordination, upon what has been offered, if he acquit himself acceptably on the Tryalls to be prescribed to him. He was at that time examin'd in Extemporary Questions, Cases of Conscience, Church History, Chronolog: Questions, and gave satisfying ans^{rs}, which confirm'd the Prēbry in their resolution to proceed with him in order to ordināon.

It being mov'd that he was sometime a Probation^{r} in Down Prēbry, that they should therefore be appris'd of this our purpose,

It was agreed that a letter be writ: to the Mod^r of Down Prēbry, and desire him to call the Prēbry, *pro re nata*, to Newtown, where Mr Stuart and Mr Bruce, two of our members, are now appointed to correspond with that Prēbry, and lay before that Prēbry the true state of this case, and propose, if Down please to go on with Mr Jarvie's Tryalls, he having (as Belfast was inform'd) passed some pieces of Tryal in that Prēbry already, and ordain him, Correspond^ts from Belfast would joyn in that solemn work; but if Down would not proceed with him and ordain him, that they may please to appoint correspond^ts to joyn with Belfast in ordaining him.

The Correspond^ts from Belfast to Down made report, that Down Prēbry said that Mr Jarvy got Testimonials from them; that he is under the care of Belfast Prēbry, who may proceed with him as they see cause.

Mr Jarvie having past some pieces of Tryall in the Prēbry of Down, and in Belfast Prēbry the aforesaid Extemporary Tryals, had an *Exegesis de Perfectione Scripturæ contra Papistas*, and sustain'd his Theses, deliver'd a popular sermon, in all which he acquit himself with approbation.

The Mod^r of Belfast Prēbry having giv'n the above acco^t, a motion was made that this affair should be dropt; to which the Interloq^r agreed.

The Com: of Overtures did overture to this Interloq, to be laid before the Synod, that all the members of this Synod do pray for the Illustrious House of Hanover, in which family our Laws have plac'd the succession to the Crown of Great Britain. Agreed, that the pap^r be fram'd and brought into the Synod, that it may be made a Synodical Act; which was accordinly done.

A Petiōn, ℘ Com: of Bills, to this Interloq^r, from Mrs Sample, a Minister's Widow, very ag'd, and much reduc'd by an Expensive Law-sute.—Her case being considered, was remitted to the Synod of Derry (she lives within the bounds of that Synod) to consider her case, and assist her. Ordered, also, that every member of this Synod who is present give her at least 13 pence for her present supply. Mrs Sample, Charity.

Mr Will: Holmes desir'd, seeing he has dimitted his charge of his flock in Straban, which dimission was accepted by the Prēbry of Convoy (whereof he is a member), and also by the Synod of Derry, he designs, if the Lord will, to go to N: England. It will therefore be necessary that he have a Certificat from this Synod. Ordered, that Mr Mairs and Mr Craghead write that Testimonial to him, Derry Synod having giv'n reasons for their accepting his dimission, which were satisfying to this Interloq^r.

Mr Holmes desir'd that Mr Bruce, Mr Cornwall, Mr Gowan, Mr Craghead, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Lang, may be allow'd to confer with him; which was granted.

It was mov'd—If a Bro: or Br^n desire to be loos'd from his pastoral charge, that he may do service to the Interest of Christ in some of the foreign plantations, if the Prēbry loose him, that he be also loos'd from this Church. This motion was dropt.

The Synod having referr'd the considerāon of a Fast in all our Congregāons to this Interloq^{r},

Fast to be observ'd.

It was unanimously agreed that a Fast be observ'd in our three particular Synods—that is, Belfast Synod to observe the third Wednesday of July; Ardmagh Synod to observe the first Wednesday of Aug^{t}; Derry Synod, that is, Colrane Prēbry to observe the fourth Wednesd: of July, Derry and Convoy on the fourth Thursday of July—for Fasting, pray^{r}, and humiliation before God.

Mr Neilson, Colr: Prēbry to take care of him.

Mr Robert Neilson, of Killrachts, supplicated for support in his present circumstances, R:D: being withdrawn, and he hath now noe congregation. Colrane Prēbry reports that the last Synod's Interloq^{r} ordered Killrachts to pay Mr Neilson sixty pound, upon wch he was to dimit. The money is paid, and he has dimitted the pastoral charge of that people. Mr Neilson's desire being considered, it was voted—Whether assist Mr Neilson out of the Fund or not? It carry'd in the negative. The Prēbry of Colrane is to take care of him.

Mr Gordon obtain'd leave to go home.

Breaky desir'd to be replanted.

Breaky—Mr Patrick McFerran, Com^{r}, by his supplication, desir'd that the people in Breaky of our Comūnion may be replanted with Gospel Ordinances; that they can give twenty pound ℔ year and Ten Bolls of oats to a Minister. They have an eye to Mr Patrick Plunket. The Com^{r} intreated that a Minister may be appointed to preside in a Call to him, and that it be speedily done, because (as he said) some of their people threaten to leave them. If that be allow'd, they will not be able to give the Twenty pound. He further added, if that people be not soon planted, they will have small or noe prospect of being replanted. The Com^{r} having been heard, was remov'd.

Assistance promist to 'em.

The supplication being considered, and the Prēbry of Monahan being heard as to the state of that place, 'twas agreed that Monahan Prēbry proceed in planting that place in an orderly way, so soon as they can; and for assistance to that people, we order fifty shill: out of the Fund, besides what kindness any Bro: shew to 'em. The Prēbry of Monahan promist to be kind and assisting to that people; therefore, noe part of the above 50 sh: to be laid on that Prēbry.

Mr Lee.

The Prēbry of Monahan is to ascertain the old Bounds of that Congregāon, that people be not left to their Liberty to come and go as they please. Mr Lee's circumstances being considered, his support by R:D: being suspended, as it is from us all, It's agreed that each Prēsbry give him 20 shill: *ad minimum;* who please to give him more are desir'd to do it.

Mr Ambrose.

A Petiiōn fm̄ Mr Ambrose, in reference to the Erections made by this Synod out of the Congregation of Kinaird.—He propos'd to acquiesce in the Overture made by the Select Comittee. He being heard and remov'd, the supplication being considered, the state of the vote was—Whether resume the former vote or not? It carry'd, not resume, because the parties who were present when that affair was concluded in full Synod are now gone, and have the Extract of the minut with them.

Not resume the vote.

A motion was made that, notwithstanding this, if the two Prēbries

of Tyrone and Monahan, or the Synod of Ardmagh, may put in execution the overture of the select Comittee, if it can be done with consent of parties. The Question was put—Agree to this motion or not? and it was carry'd in the negative.

5.

An affair relating to Mr Sam: Smith, junr, of Belfast, and Mr Kyle, was brought into the Interloqr by the Com: of Overtures. The case being considered, some Brn were appointed to frame an Overture thereupon, which is as follows:— Mr S. Smith, of Belfast, and Mr Koyle. A Case.

Whereas, Mr Sam: Smith, junr, and Jon Kyle, both of Belfast, have apply'd to the Interloqr of this Synod, representing that both of them have been under a severe and chargeable prosecution, in the Ecclesiast: Courts, for their marrying with us, at last have obtain'd in the Civil Courts a prohibition untill the next term; shewing also, further, that they're told that if they will re-marry, they are promist their penance shall be easy.

They therefore desire that this Interloqr would give 'em their best advice as to re-marrying, or any other matter they may think fitt: who being remov'd, the Interloqr are unanimously of opinion that they should not re-marry, and do accordingly advise that they never do it, but rather stand the sute. Advice thereupon.

And, whereas ,this Interloqr is inform'd that this is the case of some, and may be the condition of others, we're resolv'd, and do firmly purpose, to give our best advice and assistance to any of our people or friends undr such circumstances, as also proper support in such cases as may require it, upon due application to us.

6.

The minute of the Synod's Com:, which met in March last, being read, wherein there is accot giv'n by Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy of what they did while negotiating the affairs of this Church, while in Dublin. They were allow'd by the Com:, in Decr 16, to stay what further time they could do service. They were there fourteen weeks, which, at six shill: to each ℔ day, amounts to fifty eight pounds, sixteen shillings. That Com: approv'd their accot, as may be seen in the minuts of that Com:, met in March. Synod's Com: met in March.

This Interloqr allows the accot. The several Prēbries are appointed to pay what they owe by applotmt on them by the Com: met in Decemr and March.

The applotmt of the Synod's Com:, met in Belfast, Decr 16 :—				Added by the Committee met in March :—		
On Belfast Prēbry,	4	7	6	4	19	5
On Down,	3	2	6	3	14	6
On Antrim,	3	2	6	3	14	6
On Rout,	2	7	6	2	19	4
On Derry,	3	2	6	3	14	6

On Convoy,	2	–	–	2	11	10
On Ardmagh,	3	10	–	4	1	10
On Monahan,	3	2	6	3	14	6
On Tyrone,	2	0	–	2	11	1
	26	15	–	32	1	6

The Prēbry of Belfast was appointed to meet on Monday, and state accounts with Mr Henry, of Droheda; as also to give accot of what remains due by them for defraying the Expense of Monahan affair about Belturbet.

Down Prēbry is to pay their proportion to Mr Henry, of Droheda, to Mr Sam: Smith, junr, in Belfast; Mr Henry giving an order so to do.

Derry Prēbry to pay, out of the first publick money they receive, to Mr Sam: Henry, of Slego, to whom that Prēbry is much indebted, as before mention'd.

7.

Mr Sam: Henry designing to go to London, we agreed to write by him to Capt Brice, with Instructions to act for this Church.

He desir'd that Mr Major Murray, a Probationer, may supply his congregation in his absence, to which this Interloqr agreed. Order was giv'n to Mr Murray so to do.

Tho: Paxton.

From the Com: of Funds, Mr Sam: McGachine presented us with a state of Tho: Paxton's case, whereby it appears that his Expence amounts to Thirty pound thirteen shill: and ten pence; and whereas, by a former apptment, there was allow'd to him, from every minister, at least three shill: fourpence—but it's plain, thô all that had been paid, it would have made but twenty pound—he has receiv'd only Thirteen pound fourteen shill: Eleven pence halfpeny.

'Tis therefore overtur'd, that every Prēbry meet and enquire who are deficient; for if all that was promist had been paid, it had been far from repairing his damage.

Overtur'd, therefore, that every Congregaōn pay to him another three shill: four pence. Who can do more are desir'd to contribute more liberally. For the more effectual obtaining the propos'd relief for the poor man, Ordered, that Mr Brown shall collect from Antrim Prēbry, Mr Nivin from Down, Mr Cobham from Belfast, Mr Fleming from Monahan, Mr Lang from Ardmagh, Mr Tho: Keñedy from Tyrone, Mr Blair from Derry, Mr Dunlop from Convoy, Mr Higginbottam from Colerane. These Collectrs to receive three shill: four pence from each congregation of their Prēbry, as now appointed by this Synod, also what is due of a three shill: four pence formerly appointed from each congregation; which money, when collected, is to be transmitted to Tho: Paxton or his order.

Capt McNeill, Comr from Dundalk, supplicated that what was promist to that Congregaõn out of the Fund may be paid. They were promist thirty pñds ℘ year whenever they were planted. The Congregation is now planted with Mr Pat: Simson, therefore thirty pound is to be paid for last year; and there being fifteen pound, the arrear of the ten pound ℘ year promist to them while unplant'd, may be paid.

Dundalk desires to be paid what is due to ym out of the Fund.

8.

Considering the circumstances of this Church, and our Grievances continue, thô a representation thereof was laid before the Ld Lieut by our Brethren, Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy, when in Dublin, and His Grace was pleas'd to countenance our Brn, and there being some prospect of his regard to us, now when he is in London, we agreed to send Mr Iredell to London. His Instructions were, to sollicite for R:D:, and for redress of our Grievances, and endeavr to obviate what misrepresentations may be giv'n of us; that he take the assistance of Capt Bryce, Dr Williams, Sr Alexr Cairns, to whom letters are to be writ. He is also to apply to such who may be usefull. Mr Mairs to write to Sr Alexr Cairns. A Petiiõn to the Q: was writ and approv'd, an address to the Ld Lieut, the Duke of Shrewsbury, a letter to Ld Mountjoy; all which was writ, approv'd, and transmitted to Mr Iredell, ℘ Mr Hugh Henry; also, a letter of Credit from Mr Isaac McCartney to Sr Alexr Cairns, for a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, for defraying Mr Iredell's charges—the way how we refund that money expended on that account to be applotted by the Synod, when call'd by the respective Prẽbries.

Send Mr Iredell to London.

Comittee.

It was mov'd that Capt Bryce havs a joynt Comission with Mr Iredell. It carry'd in the negative; from which vote carrying yt Capt Brice be not joyn'd in Comission wth Mr Iredell, Mr Mairs dissented, and desir'd that his dissent be entred.

Understanding by a letter from Mr Sam: Hallyday, now in London, that he has been very active on accot of this Church, to prevent the Bill against Schism extending to Ireland, thô his design had not the desireable success, yet his zeal is very comendable, and what charge he has been at on our accot we will order to be refunded to him. Also, Mr Joseph Henry was very active on the same accot. We agreed to write a letter of Thanks to each of them, and desire Mr Hallyday, while in London, to assist Mr Iredell, who is appted to go over; Mr Gowan to write to Mr Hallyday, and Mr Shaw to write to Mr Henry. Having agreed to write to Dublin Prẽbry to proceed to install Mr Hallyday in Plunketstreet, some things depending 'twixt Plunketstreet and Belfast Prẽbry being wav'd at this time—

Write to Mr Hallyday and to Mr Henry.

Before the said Installment, Bro: Iredell is to desire Mr Hallyday to subscribe the Westmr Confess: of Faith as the Confess: of his Faith, and to take his promise to be subject to his Brn in the North, to which purpose a letter is to be writ to Mr Iredell.

Write to Mr Iredell about Mr Hallyday.

The Com: of Funds read their minuts, wch follow:—

To Dundalk there is allow'd, for their assistance in supporting the Gospel, 30 pound; to VeniCash, 9 pound; to Droheda, 40 pñd; to

Assistance to weak congregãons.

Galway, 20 pound; to Lurgan, 10 pound; to Edenderry, 15 pound; to Dunean, 5 pound; to Loghgall, 12 pound; to Badoni, 4 pnd; to Athlone, 10 pound; to Mr Stuart, of Glen, 9 pound; to Inniskilling, 12 : 10 : –; to Belturbet, 20 pound; to Slego, ten pound, and 5 pound now added; to Moywater, 15 pound; to Golan, 6 pound; to Kirkdonald, 4 pound; to Stranorlan, 6 pound. These sums are continu'd to the said congregations.

Write to Dublin Prēbry for some assistance to Droheda.

It was mov'd and agreed to that, for our assistance, a letter be writ to the Prēbry of Dublin, and thank our Brn for their former regard to Droheda, and desire their continuance of the same. If Dublin give Mr Henry ten pound, he is to discount for it as so much receiv'd out of the forty pound wch the Synod allows to him. Mr Abernethy to write this letter.

Colrane Prēbry is to give account of what they have paid to Mr Dunlop, in Athlone, that an answer may be sent to Majr Handcock, who wrot to us on that account.

Pay to Golan.

Ordered, seeing some Prēbries are greatly deficient in the money they should pay to Mr Colthart, in Golan, do pay it speedily. Derry owes for almost three years; Tyrone and Monah: Prēbries, each owes ten pound.

It was mov'd that Tanochnieve, which is weakned by taking some towns from that Congregation, which are annext to Kilmore, may, therefore, be assisted out of the Fund; likewise, Tanochmore and Killrachts were propos'd as weak Congregations. This was referr'd to the Com: of Funds.

The applottment, by the Com: of Funds, on the sevel Prēbries for this current year, 1714 :—

On Belfast,	41 : 0 :	thus—to Kirkdoñald 4 : 0 : 0, to Droheda 37 : – : –
Down	28 : – :	to Galway 20 : – :, to Inniskilling 5 : 10 : –, to Droheda 2 : 10 : 0.
Antrim	30	to Dunean 5 : – :, to Dundalk 18 : – :, to Edenderry 6 : –, to Golan 1 : – : –.
Tyrone	18 : 10 : –	to LoghGall 12 : – : –, to Edenderry 6 : 10 : –.
Monahan	27 : – :	to Belturbet 20 : –, to Eniskilling 7 : – :
Ardmagh	31 : – : –	to VeniCash 9 : –, to Lurgan 10 : –, to Dundalk 12 : – : –.
Colerain	21	to Athlone 10 : –, to Cushendoll 9 :, to Badoni 2 : –.
Convoy	18 : – : –	to Slego 10 :, to Stranorlar 6 : –, to Badoni 2 : –.
Derry	28 : –	to Slego 5 : –, to Moywater 15 : –, to Edenderry 2 : 10 : –, to Droheda 10s, to Golan 5 : – :
	242 : 10 : –	£242 : 10 : –

Mr Nevin, Clk of that Com:, has other paprs relative to that affair.

The Com: of Funds overtured as follows :—

1. A supplication from Mr Henry, of Slego, shewing that Derry Prēbry owes to him above 17 pound. See the order upon that in the Synod minuts. Slego.

2. A supplication from Stranorlan, complaining they are in worse circumstances than before; that they were unexpectedly struck off the Fund; yt they may now have assistance from the Fund. Overtur'd, that they have 6 pound; to wch the Interloqr agreed, as in the above applotmt. Stranorlan.

3. The Prēbry of Rout owes to Mr Stuart, of Glen, 19 pound, as held forth in the petiiōn. Overtur'd, that it be speedily paid to him. Agreed. Mr Stuart, Glen.

4. In reference to Tho: Paxton, that is agreed to, and order made upon, *q: v:* in the Synod's minuts. T: Paxton.

5. Whereas the Fund is sensibly sinking, it's apprehended for these causes—(1). Negligence of Minrs. 2. Multitude of recōmendations, by wch our Collections for ordinary are in a great measure exhausted, and many congregāons wholly incapacitate to pay their proportion of the publick fund. We doubt not that the supporting the Fund is a greater charity than to contribute to the relief of any particular persons. Great caution wd be us'd in giving such recōmendations. Agreed. Guard agt sinking the Fund.

6. Upon a motion from the Com: of Overtures, it was agreed that Moyra be put upon the fund, for their planting. Seeing a particular sum can't be now applotted, because the time of their planting is uncertain, Overt'd, if Belfast Prēbry plant that place before next Synod, in that case Belfast is to give 'em, for the proportion of time, according to their usuall sum of Ten pnds ℔ year, upon express condition that the Prēbry have full allowance made to 'em in the next year's applottmt of their part of the fund. Approv'd. Moyra.

7. The Accots of the Fund being very much embarrass'd, and the Prēbries noe way able to give accot of that affair, Overt: that Every Prēbry be oblig'd to keep a particular book for that accot, wherein they're to charge themselves first with their full Quota, and then every Congregaōn with their applottmt, making them Debitr for it, and giving them credit for what they pay of it; and that every Prēbry still bring this book wth them, to lay before the Com: of Funds. And that every Prēbry may be better able to adjust their accots, Overt: that every Minr who hath money due to him by the Fund do now give, or speedily send, their full accot of what they have recd, and of what remains due to 'em or him. Approv'd. How to manage the Collections for the Fund. Copy to Prēbries.

8. The Prēbry of Monaghan complain'd that there is still a bond of forty pound lying over their head. They think it's hard that, thô their account in the affair of Belturbet was approv'd, and the money for discharging that debt was applotted, yet none of that money has been return'd to 'em. That Com: sent for Bryce Blair, that his accots may be examin'd. Upon the said examination of his accots, it

appears all the arrear of money appl^ed^ for Monahan Expense, and Mr Iredell's, are in the following mañer :—

Mr Iredell p^d^.

Mr Iredell being fully paid, the whole arrear is to defray Monahan charges. Due by Ardmagh Prēbry, 4^d^; by Belfast, 12 : 12 : 1; Down, 3 : 3 : 5; Antrim, 5 : 0 : 0; Tyrone, 3 : 2 : 6; in Mr Blair's hand, 16 : 15 : 0. In all, 35 : 18. 4 : 3 : 2^d^ to be paid by Mr Craford for Tyrone.

Monahan Prēbry to be paid.

Ordered, that the money due by the Prēbries to Monahan be paid.

Upon stating the Acco^ts^ for this year, we find there is 28 pound to be added to the whole, amounting to 242 : 10 : 0, as before mention'd. It does not, therefore, appear that any more can be applotted, and so can't find any allowance for Tanochnieve, Tanochmore, or Killrachts; and seeing Tanochnieve was the whole occasion of this motion, we see the lesse reason for it, because Tanochnieve in their supplication only desir'd that Cahard or an Equivalent, wch amounts to 15 shill: only; and that is now referr'd to the Prēbry of Down.

The Com:, taking into consideration the way of paying the Fund, do think it hard that Min^rs^ on the fund should want their money for the whole year : do, therefore, Overture that Prēbries take care to have one half of their fund ready to remit in 8^br^, and the other half ready to pay at the Synod. Approv'd.

Observing also the great arrear of this Synod, due on publick acco^ts^, Overt:, that noe Min^r^ imploy'd, or sent to manage any of our publick concerns, shall have more allow'd to him than his real expenses, of which he is to keep and give a particular acco^t^. This Overture is supported by the following reasons offer'd to the Interloq^r^ :—1. This Church is not in a condition to give any reward to any of their memb^rs^, so as they may be gainers by our service they're imploy'd in; the extreme difficulty and almost impossibility to maintain the necessary funds evince this. 2. The Church has a right to the service of any Min^r^, w^th^out any such reward and profit allow'd 'em, above their necessary expence. Lastly, this would effectually prevent the least suspicion of Interest being made to get into such service and Employm^t^. Approv'd.

There was order giv'n to M^r^ B: Blair to pay what is in his hand, as before mention'd, for defraying Monahan Expence.

Mr Cornwall got this order.

Clerks' Fees f^m^ the absents.

Seeing the former way of deducting from the absents from the Synod is suspended, R:D: not being paid now, Ordered, that when these minuts come to Prēbries, the absents fm̄ the Synod are to pay to the Clerk of each Prebry; and that money is to be paid to Mr Craford, Clk: of the Synod, or to his order.

Whereas, the Prēbry of Tyrone, by order of Synod, Anno paid to M^r^ Ja: Blair £8 13^s^ 10^d^, for Monahan Expence, and he stopping in his own hand 2 : 19 : 0, on acco^t^ of Money due by that Prēbry to him while he was in Moyra. It was voted—Whether Mr Blair shall refund, and imediately pay that money detain'd, wch was not design'd for him. It carry'd in the affirm: Then it was consider'd what that Prēbry shall be ordered to do. Ordered, that the Prēbry pay to Mr Blair, speedily, what they owe to him, at farthest, before next Gen: Synod.

Report was made that Belfᵗ Prēb: paid to Mʳ Henry, of Droheda, by Mʳ Biggar, 10 : 12 : 6½; by Mʳ Mich: Bruce, 8 : 12 : 5; June 22ᵈ, 1713, the day before last Synod, ℣ Bill, 12 : 0 : 0.

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AND: CRAFORD,
Clk: Syn: Gᵃ.

1714.

A Synod at Antrim, June 21ˢᵗ, 1715.

Die Martis, horâ 5ᵃ *post merid:* Sess: *prima.*

Mʳ Fulk White, the Moderator, open'd this Synod by preaching on Rev: 3 : 2, and, after constitution by prayʳ, *sederunt* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Genˡ Synod

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
LONDON-DERRY.	
Mʳˢ Thomas Harvey	
John Harvey	
John Stirling	Jo: Paton
William Gray	Mʳ Lindsay
Hans Stuart	
John Ball	And: Steel
James Blair	
CONVOY.	
Mʳˢ Samuel Henry	
William Holmes	
Samuel Dunlop	
Francis Laird	
Charles Lynd	
David Ferlie	Archᵈ Hendʳson
DOWN.	
Mʳˢ James Bruce	Jo: Holland
Henry Hamilton	Arch: Milling
James McAlpin	Will: Ferys
Thomas Orr	Ja: McConell
Samuel Shenan	Ja: McCutchen
William Biggar	Dan: Neil
Hugh Ramsey	
Archbald Dickson	Alexʳ Berry
Thomas Nevin	Will: Dickson
Francis Montgomery	Ja: Martin

BELFAST.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Mr John McBride	Jo: Smith
Francis Iredell	
Andrew Craford	Jo: Smith
James Kirkpatrick	Brice Blair
James Cobham	Jo: Hastie
John Riddell	Ja: Atkin
Patrick Adair	Tho: Brenan
Robert Sinclar	Sam: Ferie
Thomas Gowan	Jo: Dunwoody
Charles Seton	Tho: Jameson
James Stuart	Tho: Potts
Michael Bruce	Mr Arth: Kenedy
Robert Wirling	

ANTRIM.

M-rs Fulk White	Ja: Brown
William Taylor	And: Lorimer
Stafford Pettigrew	Will: Wilson
William Leech	Geo: Hasleton
Alexander Brown	Josias Ennis
John Abernethy	Capt Will: Shaw
Charles Masterton	Ja: Brysson
William Livinston	Dan: Ritchie
James Crichton	Franc: Brown
Thomas Shaw	
Thomas Wilson	Jo: Park
John Henderson	Ja: Anderson
William Taylor, junr	Jo: Allen
James Hud	Ja: Lyle
Samuel Getty	Ja: Whyte

TYRONE.

M-rs John Thomb	Rob: McNedny
Henry Crooks	Alexr McCane
Baptist Boyd	Sam: Gordon
James Maxwell	
Tho: Kenedy, junr	Jo: Boyd
John McClave	Will: Espy
Archbald Boyd	Jo: Gordon
Thomas Milikin	Hu: Biggom
David Thomb	David Thompson
John Kenedy	John Stirling

ARDMAGH.

M-rs Archbald Macclane	Ja: McClure
John Hutcheson	

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Moses Cherrie	Geo: Ewart
Alexander Colvill	Rob: Chalmers
John Wilson	Jo: Smith
George Lang	Ja: Wallace
Samuel Young	Gilbert Seawright
Gilbert Kenedy	Alexr Chalmers
James Fleming	John Paterson
Robert Rainey	John McDowell
James Johnston	David Taylor
William McKay	Alexr Whitelaw
James Moor	Mr McMullen
Thomas Anderson	
Patrick Simson	

MONAGHAN.

Mrs Robert Colthart	
John McGachine	
Alexander Fleming	
Samuel Dunlop	Major Handcock
Robert Thompson	Gilbt Allen
David Sim	Jo: McKneely
Patrick Plunket	

COLERAIN.

Mrs Math: Clark	Alexr Wilson
James Stuart	
Wm Howstoun	Tho: Reid
James Woodside	
James MrGrigor	Moses Dunlop
John Maior	
Robert Haltridg	Jo: Agnew
William Boyd	Hu: Craig
Robert Higginbotham	
John Porter	Rob: Paterson
Hen: Neil	Rob: Campbell
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The Modr desir'd that a new Modr may be chosen, and gave a Leet of the following Brethren, vizt:—Mr Clark, Mr Sheñan, Mr Abernethy, Mr Jo: Thomb, Mr McAlpin, Mr Cherrie, Mr McGachine, Mr T: Harvy, Mr Sam: Henry, Mr Ja: Cobham—that one of these may be chosen to moderate in this Synod. These Brethren being heard their reason why they ought not to be chosen, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd.

New Modr Chosen. Clerk continu'd.

The Roll being call'd, Mr Abernethy was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator. Next, Andrew Craford was continu'd Clerk, with assistants. He was allow'd to name two assistants. Accordingly, he

nam'd Mr Brown and Mr Ramsey, whom this Synod desir'd to assist him.

Appoint 3 Comittees.

Agreed, for the orderly expeding business in this Synod, that Comittees for Overtures, for Bills, and for revising Sub-Synod books, be appointed. The several Presbytries were ordered to return in write, to our Clerk, at next sederunt, the names of these whom they desire to be members of the said Comittees.

Meet for prayr.

The Synod unanimously agreed to meet here to morrow morning, at seven of the clock till ten a clock, in prayr to God for His Gracious countenance and direction in what may be laid before this Synod.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till ten a clock to morrow morning.

This sess: concluded with prayr.

Sess: 2a.

Die Mercury, horâ decima ante meridiem.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra.*

Met for prayr.

According to the appointment of last Sederunt, the members of the Synod met, and spent the appointed time in prayr.

A paper to be consider'd in the Interloqr.

The Moderator mov'd that there is a paper entituled An Enquiry into the State of Religion, &c., fram'd by the late Synod of Belfast, now ready to be read. Agreed, that the paper be read and consider'd in the Interloqr, which, with what is to be concluded in the Interloqrs of this Synod, is to be found subjoyn'd to these minuts.

Rules read.

The Rules for orderly and expeditious manag'ment of Synodical business were read. All the members of this Synod were appointed punctually to observe the same. The several Presbytries, according to appointment, return'd the names of their members for the three Comittees—(1). For Bills. (2). For Overtures. (3). For revising Sub-Synod books.

Bills.

For Bills.

From Londonderry Prēsbry,	Mr Blair, Mr Ball.
Convoy,	Mr Dunlop, Mr Laird.
Down,	Mr Ramsey, Mr McAlpin.
Antrim,	Mr Brown, Mr Crichton, Mr Shaw, Mr Taylor, senr, Mr Hud.
Belfast,	Mr Adair, Mr Sinclar, Mr Seton.
Tyrone,	Mr Maxwel, Mr Crooks, Mr Thomb.
Ardmagh,	Mr Cherrie, Mr Colvill, Mr Wilson, Mr Simson, Mr Moor.
Monaghan,	Mr Robert Thompson, Mr David Sim.
Colerane,	Mr Woodside, Mr Haltridg, Mr Porter.

FOR OVERTURES.

Overtures.

From Londonderry Prēsbry, Mr John Harvy, Mr Gray, Mr Stirling.

Convoy, Mr Samuel Henry, Mr Willm Holmes.

Down, Mr Bruce, Mr Hamilton, Mr Orr.

Antrim, Mr White, Mr Taylor, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Livingston.

Belfast, Mr McBride, Mr Kirkpk, Mr Cobham, Mr Gowan.

Tyrone, Mr Keñedy, junr, Mr McClave, Mr Archd Boyd.

Ardmagh, Mr McClane, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Fleming, Mr Johnston.

Monaghan, Mr John McGachine, Mr Patrick Plunket.

FOR REVISING BOOKS.

To revise the Synod-Book of Belfast—

Revisers of the Books of Belfast Synod.

Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Lynd, Mr David Thomb, Mr Lang, Mr Gilbert Keñedy, Mr Fleming, Mr Neil, Mr Tho: Harvey.

To revise the Synod-Book of London-derry—

Derry Synod.

Mr Milikin, Mr Rainey, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Anderson, Mr McKay, Mr Colthart, Mr Biggar, Mr Sheñan, Mr Wilson, Mr Getty, Mr Riddell, Mr Stuart.

To revise the Synod-Book of Ardmagh—

Ardmagh Synod.

Mr Ferlie, Mr Hans Stuart, Mr Dickson, Mt MontGomery, Mr Leech, Mr Masterton, Mr Bruce, Mr William Boyd.

Place where the Committees are to meet.

The several Clerks are to attend their respective books when they are to be revis'd. The Comittee for Overtures is to meet in the Session House. The Comittee for Bills is to meet in this Meeting House. The Comittee for Revising the Sub-Synod Books, in the Galleries, each book having a Gallery. All the Comittees are to meet at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Absents from last Synod excus'd.

Mr Taylor, senr, Mr McClave, Mr Henry Neill, absent from last Synod, are now excus'd.

Absents from this Synod excus'd.

Masters Robert Campbell, Andrew Ferguson, David Wilson, Samuel Hallyday, Seth Drumond, James Wallace, Robert Wilson, John Gawdie, John Mairs, James Reid, Nathaniel Orr, John Frieland, Alexr Sinclar, Alexr McCracken, Robert Craghead, Thomas Keñedy, senr, Hugh Wallace, Charles Wallace, Robert Gordon, John Lee, William Cornwall, James Tate, William Hair, Robert Rutherford, Thomas Stirling, absent from this Synod, were, by their letters and reasons given by Brethren, excus'd.

Absents from this Synod not excus'd.

Absent from this Synod, not excus'd—Masters Thomas Wynsly, Alex^{r} McCracken, William Smith, John Malcome, Hugh Henry, Umphry Thompson, Josias Cornwall, Samuel McGachine, Alex^{r} Hamilton, Robert Neilson,

Dead since last Synod.

Mr Neil Gray, Minister in Taboyne, and member of Derry Presbytry, died, March 3^{d}, 1714-15.

Mr William Ambrose, Minister in Kinaird, and member of Monaghan Presbytry, died, 1714.

ORDAIN'D SINCE LAST SYNOD.

Ordain'd since last Synod.

Tyrone Presbytry ordain'd Mr John Keñedy, at Benburb, July 13th, 1714.

Ardmagh Presbytry ordain'd Mr Hugh Fisher, designing to go to some of the Plantations in America, where he may exercise his Ministry; Mr John Henry, a Minister in these bounds, having invited him thither, and desir'd that he may be ordain'd before he go away.

Monaghan Presbytry ordain'd Mr Patrick Plunket, at ScarnaGiroch (alias Trewgh), May 11th, 1714.

Down Presbytry ordain'd Mr Francis Montgomery, at Knock and Bredagh, Aprile 27, 1715. To enter Mr Sam^{el} Forgy on first Tryals.

Antrim Presbytry ordain'd Mr William Taylor, jun^{r}, at Carncastle, June 14, 1715; and Mr James Hud, at Larne, and Mr Samuel Getty, at Enver, June 15, 1715.

Licens'd.

Convoy hath Licens'd Mr Nath^{el} Cochren; also, entred Mr Cochren and Mr John Holmes on Tryalls in order to Ordination.

Antrim hath licens'd Mr James White.

Derry Presbytry—Mr Thomas Harvy, jun^{r}, hath pass'd his Tryalls in order to Ordination.

Entred on Tryals.

Tyrone Presbytry has entred Mr Robert Stuart on first Tryalls in order to Licensing.

Ardmagh Presbytry has entred Mr Elliot, Mr Willm Smith, and Mr Joseph Clugston, on first Tryals.

To enter on Tryals.

Monaghan Presbytry has entred Mr Nath^{el} Glasgow on first Tryalls. To enter Mr William Brown on Tryals in order to Ordination.

Belfast Presbytry to enter Mr Samuel Harper and Mr John Montgomery on first Tryals.

Then we adjourn'd till 4 *a merid:*

This Sed^{t} concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 4^{a}.

Die Mercur: horâ 4^{a} *a merid:* Roll being call'd, after pray^{r},

Sederunt qui supra.

Questions at Ordination.

Touching the Questions at Ordination—These papers not being transmitted, the appointment is renew'd on Mr Bruce and Mr Kirkpatrick, that they have these Questions ready to be laid before next Gen^{ll} Synod.

The late Synod having appointed the Act obliging notorious scandalous sinners to be publickly censur'd; which Act was to be read from the Pulpit, in all these Congregations where it was not formerly read. It appearing to this Synod that several Brethren have not yet obey'd the appointment, the appointment is now renew'd. That Act is to be read from the Pulpit, by such who have not publish'd it, at or before the first Sabbath of Septem^r next; and the publick appearance mention'd in the Act, is to be on a Sabbath day or Fast day, when there is a full congregation.

Act obliging notorious sinners to appear publickly, to be read.

Complaint was made by a Brother that what was promis'd to Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's Widow, has not been paid.

Mrs Gilchrist, a Min^r's Widow

Order'd, that the several Prēsbries do meet in the Intervalls of the Synod, and consider among 'emselves who have paid and who have not paid, and that these who have not paid do pay it now, that she may get some present relief out of her straits.

The Comittee which was appointed by the last Synod to meet at Tynand did not meet; but these Congregations of Kinaird, Trewgh, and Minterbirn, as setled by the Synod, do aquiesce for what appears to us.

Kinaird.

Mr Robert Higginbottam, of Colerain, observ'd the advice of the last Synod.

Monaghan Congregation was supply'd, according to appointment of last Synod, by all the Prēsbries except Ardmagh Presbytry, which they acknowledge was only occasion'd by their not knowing the time they were to supply; but this was not judg'd a sufficient excuse, seeing they had the minuts of the Synod. They were appointed to be more carefull for the future in observing Synodical appointments.

Monaghan supply'd.

The Correspondents who were appointed by last Synod to meet with the Presbytry of Ardmagh, about an affair depending between Bally Roney and Rathfryland, met as appointed, and did adjust that affair.

Bellyrony. Rathfryland.

The Comittee for Revising Books made report that they have revis'd Belfast Synod Book, and approv'd the same. Order'd, that the approbation be inserted in the book.

Synod-Books Revis'd & approv'd.

The Comittee revis'd Monahan Synod Book, and approv'd the same. Ordered, that the approbation be inserted in the book.

The Comittee revis'd Derry Synod Book and approv'd the same, except a Paragraph in page 34, which is to be consider'd in the Interloq^r.

From the Comittee of Overtures:—

1. No Presbytry shall ordain a Probation^r, nor accept of the dimission of any Minister, except two thirds of the Ministers of the Presbytry shall agree to it; which was voted and approv'd. M^r McBride dissented, and desir'd that his dissent from that vote so carry'd may be entred. Accordingly, his dissent was entred.

No Probation^r to be ordain'd, nor Min^r's dimission be accepted, without two-thirds of the Prēsbry.

2. That a Comittee be appointed for finding out and preserving our Records; and that for this end every Prēsbry be enjoyn'd to make search for all Records and ancient papers within their Bounds, and transmit 'em to some member of the said Comittee that shall be nam'd; and when the Comittee shall have the said Records return'd to 'em, they

Search for Records & Ancient Papers, and transmit 'em to a Comittee.

shall then draw out an Extract of all acts of general Concern made by preceeding Synods and other Judicatries superior to Presbytries, and transmit a Copy of it to each Prēsbytry; and that every Session shall have one of 'em from their respective Prēsbry, the Session paying for it. It's likewise agreed that the member to whom the said papers shall be sent shall have power to call the Comittee. The Prēsbries are to send what papers they have within three moneths after this Synod.

The members of this Comittee are Mr McBride, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Gowan, Mr Mairs, Mr Orr, Mr Biggar, Mr Pettigrew, Mr Abernethy, Mr Liviston, who are to meet in Belfast. The papers aforesaid to be sent to Mr Kirkpatrick. The said Comittee shall have the abstracts ready at next Synod, that the Synod may compare the abstract with our Records. All which being maturely consider'd, was, with amendments, well approv'd.

Quest: at Ordination.

3. That Mr James Bruce and Mr James Kirkpatrick be appointed to draw up a Form of Questions for Ordination, and transmit the same to the sevll Presbytries, that they may be laid before the next Synod. These Brethren were accordingly appointed.

Time & Place of next Synod.

We voted that the next Synod shall be at Belfast, on the third Tuesday of June, 1716, sermon to begin at 5 a clock that afternoon.

The Comittees to meet to morrow morning at 7; Interloqr at 9. The Synod was adjourn'd till ten. This Sedt concluded wth prayr.

Die Jovis horâ decima ante merid: Roll being call'd, after prayr,

Sess: 4a.

Sedert qui supra.

Moyra.

Moyrah (℣ Comittee of Bills) presented a Supplication by Mr John Comack, William McMaighan, James Cuddie, Gilbert Ferguson, Nicholas Here, and James Leman, in which supplication, being read, is held forth their earnest desire that their members and bounds, disjoyn'd from 'em by the Synod of Belfast, and joyn'd to a New Erection in Balenderry, may be restored to 'em, or they cannot continue a Congregaōn. The Presbytry of Belfast reported to this Synod, that the affair of Moyra complexly was referr'd by the late Synod of Belfast to this Synod; which refer was read.

Balenderry.

Balenderry (℣ Comittee of Bills) appear'd, by Mr Robert Hall, Thomas Johnston, David Mairs, Thomas Beatie, Comrs, supplicating that the Bounds and Members appointed to them by the Presbytry of Belfast, with Correspondents from Down and Antrim, the Synod of Belfast having erected them, and committed the circumscribing the bounds of their Congregation to the aforesaid Presbytry, with Correspondents, may be confirmrd by this Synod, else they can't continue a congregation. Further, if Moyra obtain their desire, another people of Glenavy formerly and now members of Balenderry, will also desire to be return'd to Glenavy. Parties being heard, were remov'd.

The Presbytry of Belfast is heard on the subject.

The Presbytry of Belfast, to whom Moyra, Balenderry, and Glenavy Congregations do belong, were call'd to speak on this subject. The Modr of Belfast Prēbry deliver'd, *viva voce*, a brief account of the

Causes and mañer of erecting a people in Balenderry and MaghreGell; and when the Erection was made, it was comitted to the Prēsbry of Belfast, with two Correspondents from Down Presbytry and two from Antrim Presbytry, to circumscribe the bounds of the said Erection; and referr'd what further to the minuts of the Presbytry of Belfast, to the minuts of the Genll Synod, and to the minuts of the Synod of Belfast.

After reasoning upon this affair complexly, the Question was put— Whether Moyra shall have their former bounds, of late joyn'd to Balenderry, restor'd to 'em; and, as an Equivalent to Balenderry, that the Ten pounds ℔ annum, formerly allow'd to Moyra, be equally divided 'twixt Moyra and Balenderry; which was unanimously agreed to. Parties being call'd, this was intimated to them—That Moyra shall have their bounds, of late joyn'd to Balenderry, and the Ten pounds ℔ year be equally divided 'twixt 'em. The Synod's determination.

According to our Resolution in the Interloqr, that the Act of the Gen: Assembly in Scotland, reponing Mr Thomas Eldar into the Exercise of his Ministry, should be read in open Synod; which Act was now read. The Synod considering this, and being well inform'd that Mr Eldar's deportment since he came into the bounds of this Synod has been blameless; and he now being providentially with us, and fully restor'd to the Exercise of the Holy Ministry, as appears by the Act which was now read, the Synod agreed that he may exercise his Ministry where Providence orders him to be lawfully call'd thereunto. Mr Tho: Eldar.

Upon a motion made, that an affair depending 'twixt Holywood and Monaghan Congregations be soon discusst— Holywood.

Ordered, that the Comittee of Bills so prepare that affair that it may be first discusst at next sederunt of this Synod.

From Bellymony (by the Comittee of Bills) appear'd Cornet Alexr McGown, Mr James Henry, Alan Templeton, Robert Dingmore, John Love, Peter Gemble, Tho: Reid, Quintin Dick, John Lamond, whose Comission was read, also their supplication to prosecute an appeal from a sentence of the late Synod of Derry taking Twenty Quarter lands from the Congregation of Ballymony, and añexing fourteen of 'em to Killrachts, & leaving other six to be dispos'd of by the Prēsbry of Rout, as they see meet. Ballymony appeal'd to this Synod.

From Killrachts (by Comittee of Bills) appear'd Mr Neil Hamil, John Givan, John Cumin, Archbald Stuart, Comrs, who produc'd a supplication shewing their desolate condition by want of Gospel Ordinances; that they apply'd to the Prēsbry of Rout that they might be replanted; they are not able to advance the Synod's Quota. That Prēsbry having referr'd the case to the Synod of Derry, that Synod determin'd fourteen quarter lands belonging to Ballymony to be añext to Killrachts; upon which, Ballymony appeal'd from that sentence of Derry Synod to this Synod. The suppliants from Killrachts desir'd this Synod to confirm the sentence of Derry Synod in joyning the fourteen quarter lands to Killrachts, as above said. The reasons of the desire were read; and Bellymony answers to these reasons were also read. Next, a Protestation of the Inhabitants of the Twenty quarter Lands against the sentence of Derry Synod annexing fourteen of these Quarter-Lands to Killrachts papers read.

Killrachts, and also against the sentence of Rout Prēsbry annexing the other six quarter-lands to Derrikighan, was read.

The Synod, willing to know how these quarter-lands contended for are situate, as to the distance from Ballymony and Killrachts, desir'd the Prēbry of Rout to give account of this. The Prēbry read the distance these quarter lands are from Ballymony and Killrachts, by wch acco^t^, now read, it appears some are neerer to Killrachts, and some are neerer to Bellymony. Ballymony alledg'd that the miles, according to what was now read, are not justly calculated; therefore, produc'd a Computation (they say) made by the Inhabitants in the places, who probably know best. That pap^r^ was read. They also desir'd that Mr Leech and Mr Thomb, who are well acquaint in those places, may give their opinion whether these quarter-lands are more remote from Ballymony or from Killrachts; wch they gave, as they said, to their best remembrance. Ballymony appeal from the sentence of Derry Synod was read, and the reasons supporting the said appeal; likewise, the answers from Derry Synod to the said reasons were read alternately.

Appeal fm Derry Synod, Reasons for the same, and answers of Derry Synod, were read alternately.

Then a supplication from the aforesaid Twenty Qua^r^ lands, presented by James Henderson, John Turk, and several other Com^rs^, praying that they may not be disannext from Ballymony. Ballymony asserted that the roads these twenty qua^r^ lands have to Killrachts meeting house are oft scarce to be travell'd. Killrachts asserted that the way is not such as is alledg'd. Ballymony desir'd that their supplication giv'n to Derry Synod may be now read. It was read. They having reserv'd a Liberty to themselves to add what other reasons they have for their appeal, presented a Supplication containing reasons wch was allow'd to be read. The Com^rs^ now propos'd, in their own name and in the name of their Constituents, that Ballymony may be made a Collegiate Charge, rather than to have the Twenty Qua^r^ lands aforesaid taken from them. They also urg'd that there were several Towns gone from Killrachts; if these were return'd, there would not be that need of their Towns, as is asserted.

Ballymony desires to be a Collegiate Charge.

The Presbytry of Rout mov'd that they have in their minuts what will give light to the Synod in this affair. Ordered, that these minuts relative to that affair be read. They being read, held forth that the six qua^rs^, left by the Synod of Derry to the disposal of Rout Prēsbry, declar'd their willingness to be disjoyn'd from Ballymony and añext to Derrikighan. The contrary was here asserted by some of the said qua^r^ Towns.

Cornet M^c^Gown and the other Com^rs^ from Ballymony were askt if they have a Comission from their people to desire that they be made a Collegiate Charge, and if they have Instructions about the Quota to two Ministers. They answer'd that they will give the Synod's Quota, which, they apprehend, may answer for the present, and give undeniable security for the payment thereof; and what addition they may make will require consideration.

Balenderry.

Balenderry Com^rs^ did signify that they understand by Moyra Com^rs^ that the minut relating to Moyra, if it be not more express, they can't continue a Congregation. The Synod considering the desire, and having

heard the minut in reference to Moyra and Balenderry, as in the preceeding Page, ordered these words to be added for explaining it—[of late joyn'd to Balenderry by the Prēsbry, with Correspondts, Anno, 1713].

It being mov'd, seeing Ballymony has advanc'd reasons which were not produced before, that time should be granted for preparing answers to these reasons, Ordered, if the answers be now ready they shall be heard.

Agreed, that is the matter of the appeal from Derry Synod that is now to be considered by this Synod.

All parties being fully heard, were remov'd ; also the Synod of Derry, from whom Ballymony did appeal.

After long reasoning, and finding some difficulties in this affair, especially from the circumstances of Killrachts, the Synod, therefore, appointed a select Comittee of the following Ministers and Ruling Elders :—Masters Thomas Orr, Wm Taylor, Senr, Ja: Kirkpatrick, John Hutcheson, David Thomb, Alexr Fleming, Ministers; and Major Handcock, John Holland, Brice Blair, Capt. Shaw, John Boyd, Alexr Chalmers, Elders, who are to meet after the sederunt of this Synod, and prepare an Overture to be laid before next sederunt of the Synod. A Select Com: to Overt: concerning Ballymony, Killrachts, & appeal from Derry Synod.

All the Comittees are to meet at half hour after 3.

Then we adjourn'd till 5 *a merid:* This Sedert concluded by prayr.

Die Jovis horâ 5a post merid: After prayr, Roll was call'd. Sess: 5a.

Sedert

According to appointment of last sederunt, the affair relating to Monahan and Holywood, by the Comittee of Bills, was brought into the Synod.

From Monahan appear'd Mr Samuel Black, Mr Will: Porter, Mr John Gilmer, George Armstrong, James McConchy, John Fee, Comrs, with a supplication to prosecute before this Synod their appeal from the sentence of Belfast Prēsbry, determining that Mr Michael Bruce should not be transported from Holywood to Monahan That appeal was read, and reasons for the appeal; also, the Prēbrie's answers to said reasons were read alternately. Monaghan.

From Holywood appear'd Arthur Keñedy, Esqr, Mr Jon Keñedy, Mr Jo: Hamilton, Ja: Russel, Ja: Hamilton, with many other Comrs, supplicating this Synod not to transport their Minister, Mr Michll Bruce. Holywood.

Monahan Comrs earnestly supplicated that the Synod may transport Mr Bruce to Monahan. They also desir'd that their supplication to Belfast Prēbry, in May last, may be now read. It was read, as also a letter from the Prēsbry of Monahan to Belfast Prēbry, shewing their hearty concurrence with the people of Monahan to have Mr Bruce transported to Monahan. Monahan appeal was read. Supplications and paprs from the parties were read.

Also, a Comission to Mr David Sim, a member of Monahan Prēbry, to assist the Comrs of Monahan in prosecuting the intended transportaōn of Mr Bruce to Monahan, was read.

The Prēbry of Belfast read in their minuts.

The Prēbry of Belfast was heard. Their minuts being read, therein it appears that Comrs from Monahan appear'd at that Prēbry in May, and produc'd a Call from a people in Monahan to Mr Michael Bruce, of Holywood, and gave reasons for said Call; that the Prēbry transmitted these reasons to Holywood; that Holywood sent answers to the reasons—the reasons and answers were read alternately; that the Call was tend'red to Mr Bruce, his consideration. He absolutely refus'd to receive it into his hands. It was lodg'd wth the Prēbry. The Prēbry having heard all parties, the letter from Monahan Prēbry and Comission to Mr Sim, wch paprs were now read in this Synod, voted—Whether Mr Bruce should be transported fm Holywood to Monahan? It carry'd, unanimously, in the negative; from which vote the Comrs from Monahan did appeal to this Synod.

Monah: Prēbry not a party.

It was mov'd—Whether Monahan Prēbry shall be heard in this cause? A Question was put—Whether that Prēsbry is a party, seeing Mr Sim, as is asserted, was not with the Prēbry of Belfast as a Correspondt, but that he was Comissionate to assist the people of Monahan in prosecuting the projected transportaōn of Mr Bruce fm Holywood to Monahan, till it should come to an issue? Monahan Prēbry reply'd, that it's hard to deprive them of their Privilege in this matter, they not having concern'd themselves in that Congregation more than any other Prēsbry for some time, the Synod taking care of that place by granting to it Synodical supplies. Parties being fully heard, were remov'd. After Reasoning, the Question was put—Whether the Prēsbry of Monahan be a party in this cause or not? It carry'd in the negative by a great majority. Parties being call'd, the judgment of the Synod was intimated to 'em.

Mr Michael Bruce was desir'd to speak on that subject of the propos'd Transportaōn. He spake, and expresst his utter aversion to that Call. However deserving the people of Monahan are, yet such is his affection to the people of Holywood, & their affection to him, that he cannot think of leaving 'em. After which, all parties, the Prēsbry of Belfast and Comrs from Holywood and Monahan, were remov'd. The Synod having considered and reason'd at great length, *pro & con*, upon what has been read & said by all parties, the Synod at last came to this Question; but before the Question was put, it was agreed that Brother Sheñan should pray for light from God in this important affair. The parties were call'd in to joyn with us in prayer. Mr Sheñan having pray'd, the parties were again remov'd. Then the Question was put—Transport Mr Michael Bruce fm Holywood to Monahan, or not? It carry'd, not, by a great majority. The parties were call'd. Those who came in, the determination of the Synod was read to 'em; but the Comrs from Monahan not returning, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Iredell, Mr Orr, Mr Ramsey, were appointed to converse with 'em, and shew to 'em how much it is their Interest and duty to reverence the wise and unerring Providence of a Holy God. The Modr spake to Mr Bruce, and to the people of Holywood, that seeing their relation is continu'd to each

Mr Bruce not transported to Monaghan.

other, that the mutual duties be perform'd in the place, for the Edification of souls.

The Comittees to meet at 7 to-mor: morn: ; Interloqr at 9. The Synod adjourn'd till 11 to-mor: morn: This Sedt concluded wth prayr.

Die ven: horâ 11a *ante merid:* After prayr, Roll being call'd, Sess: 6a.

Sedert

Moyrah—Mr John Comach complain'd that there is an alteration made, at last sederunt, of the minut relating to Moyra Congregation. The Modr made answer, that there is only an Explication of the minut. The Synod agreed, seeing the Comr was so importunate, that the Explication, as above [of late joyn'd to Balenderry by the Prēbry, with Correspondts, anno 1713], be obliterated, the minut as first written in the preceeding page being materially the same with the Explication. Moyra.

The Select Comittee, which was appointed to prepare an Overture in reference to Ballymony and Killrachts, Overtur'd as follows: which, being read, signifys that the Congregation of Ballymony is to be a Collegiate Charge; that they pay seventy pounds to two Ministers, and forty Bolls of oats, yearly, each minister having an equal proportion of money and oats; for assisting Killrachts (who, by this Overture, are not to have any of the aforesaid quar Lands fm Ballymony), that four pound be paid to them yearly out of the Fund, which, what they are to pay themselvs, will make the Synod's Quota of Thirty pound. The Overture of the Select Comittee concerning Ballymony, &c:, remitted to Members of the Com:, to frame it as amended.

Killrachts did supplicate, the four pound now proposed being too litle, that the Synod may put them in a capacity of calling and maintaining a Minister. The Comrs from Ballymony said, as to the money propos'd of forty pound to two Ministers, they agree to it; but for the Oats they have noe Instructions, and believe it will be difficult to prevail with their people to give that quantity of Oats. The way of paying the four pound to Killrachts, as propos'd in the Overture, does not seem so agreeable. The Prēsbry of Rout was askt their opinion of the Overture. They answer'd, that they have not to object, but fear the allowance to Killrachts is too small. The Synod having reason'd upon the Overture, and propos'd some amendments, Mr Orr and Mr Kirkpatrick were appointed to go out, and bring it as it's amended. They returning, read it as follows:—

The Synod having noticed several things in the papers and representations of the people of Ballymony, in prosecution of their appeal from a sentence of the last Synod of Derry, of moment, not laid before the said Synod before they had pass'd sentence, which, had they appeared, and had been set in the same light as they have been before this Synod, that Synod had not determin'd themselvs in the affair of Bellymony as they've done.

This Synod, to prevent altercations and debates 'twixt said Synod of Derry and Bellymony, as to *Bene* or *male appellatum*, and to find out ways and methods to satisfy both Bellymony and Killrachts, did appoint

a select Comittee of the Members aforesaid, to bring in some healing Overture upon the whole.

Which Comittee having met, and maturely considered the whole affair, report and Overture as follows :—

And first, as to Bellymony—

Overt[d], 1. That the Congregation of Bellymony be declar'd a Collegiate Charge.

2. That the said Congregation pay yearly Seventy pounds sterling, in money, with Thirty Bolls of oats—the old Boll or Twenty, *ad minimum* —that is to say, Thirty five pounds, of money, and fifteen Bolls of oats, or Ten to each Minister.

3. Considering the Expensiveness of the place, that the people of Ballymony provide convenient farms for both their Ministers, to be paid at the Ministers' Expence.

1. To make this effectual, the Congregation is to continue the same it was before the passing of the sentence of the last Synod of Derry, having and enjoying all their bounds, as they had and enjoy'd them in their late Pastor's time.

Provided, and it's hereby intended, that the people of Ballymony proceed, so soon as possible, to call the first of these Ministers; and that, within one year, at the farthest, after the settlement of their first Pastor, they call the other in an orderly way, or make some reasonable attempt so to do; yet, so as at the ending of the said first year they shall comence the payment of the Thirty five pound to a second Minister, and gather the said sum of Thirty five pound up, and pay or cause to be paid truly to the General Synod of Ulster, or their order, to be dispos'd of by the appointment of said Synod to such necessary supplies as their Congregation shall need during the time their second Minister is not call'd, and other needfull pious uses.

And, in case the people of Ballymony fail in the just and true performance of any of these restrictions and Conditions, that then, in such case, we propose and Overture that the Act of the late Synod of Derry, for disañexing Twenty quarter lands, take place, in such manner and way as is sett forth in the minuts of said Synod. The Prēbry of Rout with two Correspondts from the Prēsbry of Antrim, and as many from the Prēsbry of Derry, to put in execution the Act of the said Synod of Derry; and, in that case, the people of Ballymony, after the añexation of the said qua[r] lands to Killrachts and Derrikighan, are still to pay the Quota they paid to their former Pastor, before the said Act was pass'd against them.

2. As to Killrachts, it's Overtur'd that they continue to be a Congregation, having the same bounds they now have, and that, with the addition of five pound sterling, out of the fund, to be adjusted and settled as the Synod shall think fitt, that they make up the Synod's Quota; but, in case the Qua[r] lands be añext to Killrachts on the above named supposition, Killrachts is not to have the five pound. Which Overtures being duely consider'd, was by this Synod unanimously agreed to.

The Overture of the Select Comittee, as amended, was unanimously approv'd by this Synod.

It being mov'd that the Overtures of the select Comittee are agreed to, the five pound granted to Killrachts out of the Fund should be ordered; upon which motion it was now determin'd by the Synod that the said five pounds should be made sure to 'em, from their settlement with a Gospel Minister; the Execution of which to be by the Prēsbry of Rout, with Correspondts, if need be.

The Commrs from Ballymony acknowledg'd their willingness to advance the seventy pound to two Ministers, but they (as they said before) have noe Instructions about oats. The Synod insisted on the oats. The Comrs were desir'd to use their Interest among their people at home for getting up the oats.

Glenavy (℣ Comittee of Bills) presented a supplication, ℣ James McClure and others, Comrs shewing, their great Grievance they labor under, by so many of their people and so much of their bounds being annext to a New Erection in Balenderry; that they were promist a reparation for their loss when their people and Bounds were taken from them by the Prēsbry of Belfast, with Correspends, but have not yet got the reparation. That Prēsbry of Belfast made report that there was a reparation promist to Glenavy on the above considerāon; and, if a reparation could not be had, tryal of that has been made but without success, they promist to supplicate the Genll Synod for an Equivalent to them for the loss they sustain by the said Erection; the Prēsbry, accordingly, laid the case before the Synod. Glenavy.

Then the Comrs produc'd a representation of the state of their Congregation, which was read.

Some mov'd, if the Meeting House were remov'd to Crumlin, that would be some reparation to 'em. Lower Kilmakevat, a part of the Congregation, did pay but Eight pound ℣ year, and will pay thirteen pound if the Meeting House be remov'd to Crumlin. Report was made, that which is call'd the Old Congregation will be a considerable distance from the Meeting House, if it be remov'd to Crumlin.

This Synod agreed to remit this affair to the Comittee of Overtures, to frame an Overture thereupon, and lay it before next sedt: the parties concern'd to attend that Com: The Com: of Overtures to Overt: thereupon.

Ordered, that the several Prēsbries do meet and chuse their Members of the Synod's fixt Comittee.

The Comittees are to meet at 3; Interloqr at 5. Then we adjourn'd till 6 *a merid:* This Sess: concluded by prayr.

Die Ven: horâ 6 *post merid:* Roll being call'd after prayr. Sess: 7a.

The affair relating to Mrs Gilchrist not being considered by the Prēsbries, Ordered, that every Member of this Synod pay to her one shilling now; who fail the Collector of the Fund is to be at diligence to get it up from their Prēsbries, that she may be thereby so far reliev'd. The Money to be transmitted to Mrs Gilchrist or Mr Leech, or any other whom she shall order. Mrs Gilchrist.

From Clogh appear'd Mr Patrick Orr, with others, Comissionate from one part of the Congregation of Clogh, and Gawin Steel, with Clogh.

others, from another part of that Congregation. Their papers and supplications were read, holding forth their desire to be replanted with Gospel Ordinances, but they are divided in the choice of a Pastor, some of them, vizt:—Mr Orr and his neighbors being for Mr Cochren, a Probationer; Mr Steel and his neighbors being for Mr Moor, another Probationer. The Prēsbry of Rout judg'd in that affair; yet, the parties being willing to refer the affair to the Synod of Derry, the Prēsbry referr'd it to that Synod, who determin'd that the Congregation of Clogh should desist from seeking either Mr Moor or Mr Cochren, and fix on some other person, in whom they may unite and call in an orderly way to be their Minister. Willm Moor, Gawin Steel, and their party, appeal'd from the said determination and sentence of that Synod, to this Synod. The appeal, with the reasons of the appeal and the answers of Derry Prēsbry to the said reasons, were read. The pap^{rs} and supplicāons, *hinc inde,* were read. Parties being heard, were remov'd, as also the Synod of Derry.

Mr Moor.

Mr Cochren.

This Synod confirm'd the sentence of the Synod of Derry.

After long Reasoning, This Question was put—Whether that part of the Congregatiou of Clogh who supplicated for Mr Moor, had reason to appeal from the sentence of the Synod of Derry, appointing that both Candidats, Mr Moor and Mr Cochren, should be laid aside, and the Congregation unite in a third person whom they may call in an orderly way to be their Minister? It was carry'd by a great majority, that they had not reason.

It was mov'd, seeing these two Candidats are laid aside, that they be advis'd by this Synod how they shall carry. The Prēbry of Rout is to advise them, while within their bounds, and to be at due diligence in healing and uniting that people of Clogh.

The Parties being call'd, the Synod's determination was read to 'em. They were desir'd to acquiesce in this vote, which has confirm'd the sentence of the Synod of Derry in laying aside these two Probationers, and were exhorted to cease from their heats, and unite in calling a third person.

The Moderator was desir'd to write to Mr Hamilton, and shew to him how just it was that the Synod judg'd there was noe reason to appeal.

In reference to Glenavy—

Glenavy referr'd to the Prēsbry of Belfast, with Correspond^{ts}.

The Comittee of Overtures, to which the affair of Glenavy was referr'd, did overture that Glenavy business be comitted to the managm^{t} of Belfast Prēsbry, with correspondents from the Prēsbries of Down, Antrim, and Ardmagh—that is to say, Mr Orr and Mr Dickson from Down from Down Prēbry; Mr Abernethy, Mr Liviston, fm Antrim Prēsbry; Mr Alex^{r} Colvill, Mr Fleming, fm Ardmagh Prēbry—to which this Synod agreed, and appointed the said Prēsbry, with the aforesaid Correspond^{ts}, to meet at the Meeting House of Glenavy, on the third Wednesday of July, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon.

Sea Patrick, &c:, referr'd to Ardm: Prēsbry, wth Correspondents.

A supplication from Sea Patrick was read. This Synod not having time now to enter on the matter of that petiiōn, and some other things of the like nature, has, therefore, remitted the affair of Sea Patrick, Girvachy, Maherawly, and Dromore, to the Prēsbry of Ardmagh, with

Correspondts—that is to say, from Down, Mr Ramsey, Mr McAlpin; from Belfast, Mr Stuart, Mr Bruce; from Antrim, Mr Brown, Mr Henderson—who have a discretionary power to act in these mattrs, and report to the next Synod. That Prēsbry, with Correspondts, are to meet at Magherawly, on Tuesday come six weeks, being the second day of August.

It being mov'd that the Synod appoint supplies to Monahan Congregation, the Comrs having desir'd, for obvious reasons, that each Supplyer continue three moneths, agreed to supply that Congregation in the following mañer:— Supplies to Monaghan.

The Prēsbry of Tyrone to supply, by Mr Dick, the moneths of July and Augt.

The Prēsbry of Ardmagh to supply, by Mr Fraser, the moneths of Octob: and Nōvmr.

The Prēsbry of Rout to supply, by Mr Cochren, the moneths of Janry and Febry.

The Prēsbry of Antrim to supply, by Mr McDowel, the moneths of Aprile and May.

Monahan Prēsbry to supply, Septemr, Decemr, March, June.

If any of these Supplyrs can't go and supply, his Prēsbry is to send one in his room: who can send Ministers instead of young men, are to do it.

The Prēbry of Tyrone is to advertise Mr Dick to make ready, his supply of Monahan begins on Sabbath come sevenight.

The Comrs from Ballymony desir'd a Synodical appointmt of supplies, and that each supplyer continue six weeks; their Prēbry concur with 'em. They hope that place may be soon planted.

Seeing the people may probably fix on some of the supplyers, it was desir'd that a character may be giv'n of these who are to be sent. Their desire was granted. They are to be supply'd in the following order:— Supplys to Bellymony.

Mr Robt Wirling, a Member of Belfast Prēsbry, to supply Ballymony six weeks, to comence on third Sabbath of July.

Mr Victor Ferguson, a Probationer in Derry Prēsbry, to supply Bellymony six weeks, to comence on last Sabbath of August.

Mr James Orr, a Probationer in Down Prēsbry, to supply Bellymony six weeks, to comence on second Sabbath of October.

Mr Robert McBride, a Probationer in Belfast Prēbry, to supply Bellymony six weeks, to commence on first Sabbath of Decemr.

There was a good character giv'n of each of these suppliers.

In case any of those suppliers fail, by sickness or any other way, to supply that congregation, the Prēbry of Rout is to supply 'em; and also to come to them on week days, and lecture, and baptise their children; as also to give to 'em what assistance they can.

Enquiry was made, whether all the Brethren have obey'd the appointmt of last Synod, vizt:—That each Brother of this Synod should

Tho: Paxton.

pay three shillings four pence to Thomas Paxton (of whom mention is in the Minuts of preceeding Synods). Mr Nevin, who has the state of his acco^t, made report there is yet Thirteen pound due to Tho: Paxton for his personal charges. It appears there is a very great deficiency—some Brethren not having the first year, many are behind for the second year. Antrim and Down promist to clear him before they leave the Town; which will amount to about Three pound, ten shill^s.

The Synod recomēnded to all who have not paid, to pay him imēdiately, because of his circumstances, and his great distance from hence. Order'd, that each Bro: belonging to this Synod pay to him another three shill: four pence, beside what is above mention'd.

Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Nevin were appointed to assist the Clerk in revising these Minuts. This Synod concluded by pray^r.

Intr: ℣

AND: CRAFORD,
Cl: Syn: Ge^l.

June 21st, 1715. *Interloq^r* 1st.

A Paper containing the reasons of the decay of Religion was read.

Upon a motion made, that the late Synod of Belfast had under their serious consideration the deplorable decay of Religion, and how that might be remedy'd, a Comittee was appointed by that Synod, seriously to consider that weighty affair; upon which, that Committee having frequently met, they were appointed to lay that paper before the Interloq^r of this Synod, which is now ready, and willingly submit the same to the judgment of this Interloq^r.

A Question was put—Whether the Interloq^r will hear these papers now? It carry'd in the affirm: None to be present but members and probationers. The papers being read, the Question was put—Whether consider the contents thereof now, or transmit Copies thereof to the several Prēbries of this Synod, that they may give their remarks thereupon at next Synod? Agreed, that Copies thereof shall be transmitted to the several Prēbries, who may report to next Synod; also, it was agreed that we reason upon some of the particulars contain'd in the papers now, they being fresh in our memories.

A Fast—The time to be appointed before the Interloq^r be concluded.

Observing that there is an Overture to have a Synodical Fast, with pray^r, observed at next Synod, as a good mean to revive greatly decay'd Religion; having reason'd on this at great length, *hinc inde*, this Interloq^r easily observes that the doing what is overtur'd is greatly desirable, yet, believing it to be impracticable, because it might occasion Brethren to be absent a Sabbath longer from their Congregations, thereby the Countrey would be in a great measure depriv'd of preaching that Sabbath day, when the Ministers are absent, which might be of bad consequence; yet, upon a motion that there should be a day appointed for solemn pray^r & fasting, at next Synod, it was voted—Whether there shall be a Synodical Fast, with pray^r, at next Synod? It carry'd, for the above reasons, in the Negative; yet, we agree that a Fast shall be observ'd in our Prēbries, the time to be consider'd afterwards. The whole paper is writ at the end of the Interloq^r Minuts.

Another particular in the papers, vizt—Whether we shall have a fraternal Censure, at the end of the Synod, of such Members who misbehave, and are guilty of breach of our rules for preserving order among us and expeding business? It carry'd, unanimously, that there shall be a fraternal censure at the close of the Synod; notwithstanding, the Moderat^r is imediately to rebuke any Brother whose carriage requires it. Fraternal Censures.

Down Prēbry made report that Mr Thomas Eldar, who was some time agoe depos'd from the office of the Holy Ministry by the Gen: Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland, and he having represented his case to the Synod of Belfast, who, being well inform'd of his good deportment since he came into the bounds of that Synod, wrot a letter to the Assembly in his behalf; that he went with said letter to the Assembly, who have now restor'd him to the office of the Holy Ministry, which his Certificat from the Assembly will signify. He has it ready to be produc'd. This Interloq^r ordered the Certificat to be read, and, being well satisfy'd with the report concerning him and the Certificat, order'd that the Certificat be read in open Synod. Mr Thomas Eldar repon'd by the G: Assembly.

Mr Iredell is now come. Agreed to receive the report of his diligence when last in London, acting in conjunction with Mr Upton, as instructed by a Gen: Meeting at Antrim, met in Nōvb^r last. Bro: Iredel desir'd that his report may be delay'd till to morrow, not having his pap^rs now with him. The desire was granted. Mr Iredell, his report delay'd till to-morrow.

Then we entred on the Minuts of last Synod's Interloq^r.

Derry Prēsbry was appointed to pay what they owe to Mr Henry, of Slego, among their first payments. Mr Henry made report that they've not paid him, thô he believs they have made payment to others. That Prēbry being askt why the Synod's appointm^t was not obey'd, made this defence—Seeing that Prēbry was appointed to pay to Mr Henry and to Mr James Wallace, of Moywater, they ordered among themselv's who should pay to Mr Wallace, and who should pay to Mr Henry. They acknowledge that these who were appointed to pay to Mr Wallace, have perform'd it, but who were appointed to pay to Mr Henry, have neglected it. Convoy Prēsbry said, it's alleag'd that the not paying to Mr Henry proceeds from the Prēbries want of a full information of Mr Henry's case, for in three years he receiv'd but about forty pound from Slego. The app^tment on Derry Prēbry was renew'd. Mr Henry, Slego.

Agreed now to name the Members of the Comittee for the Fund, and are as follows:—From Down, Mr Sheñan, Mr Nevin; Belfast, Mr Cobham, Mr Sinclar; Derry, Mr Gray, Mr Blair; Convoy, Mr Dunlop, Mr Laird; Ardmagh, Mr Wilson, Mr Lang; Tyrone, Mr Tho: Keñedy, jun^r, Mr Maxwel; Monaghan, Mr Fleming, Mr Sim; Antrim, Mr Leech, Mr Brown; Colerain, M^r McGrigor, Mr Boyd.

A Letter from Mr Henry, in Droheda, representing his deplorable circumstances there, was read, wherein he shews that there is One Hundred Thirteen pñ^d due to him by the Gen: Synod, the particular account whereof he has sent hither. It was read, is *in retentis*. Agreed to lay this acco^t before the Comittee of Funds; also, Mr Robert Wilson, of Stranorlan, shewing his outward circumstances to be worse

than formerly, that is to be laid before that Comittee; likewise the case of Mr Stuart, of Cushendoll.

This Interloqr considering that there is a very great deficiency in what should be paid on the Credit of the Synod to weak Congregations, by which sevll of our Brethren are straitned, having reason'd upon what may help this for the future,

This Question was put—Whether every Minister here present will, for the year comencing from this Synod, oblige himself for what is applotted on his Congregation, it not exceeding the last year's applottment, it being suppos'd that Prēbries will make the applottment as just as they can?

The Brethren underwritten being call'd, answer'd in the affirmative—

Brethren oblige for the payment of what is applotted on their Congregation for the ensueing year.

Mrs Jon Harvey, Jon Ball, Ja: Blair, Sam: Henry, Sam: Dunlop, Fra: Laird, Cha: Lynd, David Ferlie, Ja: Bruce, Hen: Hamilton, Ja: McAlpin, Tho: Orr, Samuel Sheñan, Will: Biggar, Hugh Ramsey, Archbd Dickson, Tho: Nevin, Franc: Montgomery, Fulk White, Will: Taylor, Staffd Pettigrew, Will: Leech, Alexr Brown, Jo: Abernethy, Cha: Masterton, Wm Liviston, James Crichton, Tho: Shaw, Tho: Wilson, Will: Taylor, Ja: Hud, Samuel Gettie, Jo: McBride, And: Craford, James Kirkpatrick, Ja: Cobham, Jo: Riddell, Patrick Adair, Rob: Sinclar, Tho: Gowan, Cha: Seton, Ja: Stuart, Michll Bruce, Hen: Crooks, Baptist Boyd, Ja: Maxwell, Tho: Keñedy, Jo: McClave, Tho: Milikin, Archd Boyd, Jo: Keñedy, Archd McClane, Jo: Hutcheson, Moses Cherrie, Alexr Colvill, Sam: Young, Gilbert Keñedy, Ja: Fleming, Rob: Rainey, Ja: Johnston, Ja: Moor, Jo: McGachine, Alexr Fleming, Sam: Dunlop, Rob: Thompson, David Sim, Patrick Plunket, Ja: McGrigor, Wm Howston, Rob: Haltridg, Wm Boyd, Hen: Neile, John Porter.

The Brn here are to recomend to the Brn absent to do the same that hath been above promist.

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Mr Iredell's report.

Mr Iredell was now desir'd to make report of his negotiation in conjunction with Mr Clothworthy Upton, in Londn. He told us that Mr Upton and he, pursuant to an appointment of a Genll Meeting of Minrs and Gentmen in Antrim, Nobr last, went to London. When they were in Londn, they, by advice of special friends, drew up a representation of our case, relating to Gentmen, Ministers, and people, which they deliver'd to the King. He read the representation to this Interloqr. That he had been almost five moneths in Londn for these reasons :—1. When they had fram'd the representation, it was to be translated into French by one able in that Language, and a person in whom they might confide. All applications are made to the King in French. At length they procur'd one abundantly acceptable. 2. The Lord Lieut (the Earle of Sunderland), his great indisposition. He verily believs that in the representation they observ'd their Instructions. The Instructions were read. He apprehends their going has impresst the minds of people, particularly the Ld Lieut, who declar'd for his own

part, he was very willing that what we desire were granted, but he fear'd, there being so much public business, that nothing could be done in it in this Session of Parliament.

As to Regium Donum, he believs there will be an augmentation, and thinks it's settled.

As to the Toleration—They told the Ld Lieut they stand in need of a Toleration, different from what others have. His Excellcy propos'd to them to give in write what they desir'd; which they wav'd, their Instructions being mainly to press the Repeal of the Test.

As to the Bishops' Leases, wherein are such Clauses agt these of our Comunion—The Ld Lieut said He was troubl'd for that, but saw not how we should be reliev'd.

The King receiv'd Mr Upton and him very graciously. He appear'd sensibly concern'd when he read the representation.

Mr Iredell told us he has receiv'd a letter from Mr Upton, signifying that he lent forty Eight Guineas to Mr Iredell, in London. He desires to know on whom he shall draw for the said money. Also, there is forty pound his bond lyes for; which case he laid before the late Gen: Meeting.

Mr Iredell remov'd, then the Question was put—Whether we will now vote on Mr Iredell's conduct or not? It carry'd, vote now. Some mov'd that Mr Iredell be call'd, and this Question put to him—Why they did not write to the Moderator of the Gen: Synod to call the Gen: Synod, seing they had noe prospect of getting the Sacramental Test repeal'd? Mr Iredell being call'd, and the Question propos'd, to which he añsered:—1. By advice, they did not write; for, if the Toleration were obtain'd, it would apparently make the repeal of the Test more impracticable. 2. They were also advis'd that thô they had writ to the Moderator of the Gen: Synod, and if the Synod had met, what advice they would give would not now take effect. Mr Iredell being again remov'd, after he had expresst himself with due regard to Mr Upton's zeal and activity for our Interest. Having duely consider'd his report,

Mr Iredell's reasons why he did not write to call the Gen: Synod.

The state of the vote was—Whether Mr Upton and Mr Iredell were to be approv'd? It was agreed that the vote shall be—

Approve Mr Upton and Mr Iredell, their diligence in their joynt acting for this Church in London, according to Instructions giv'n to 'em by a Gen: Meeting at Antrim, in Nobr last, or not? It was carry'd, approve. Mr Iredell was call'd, and this was intimated to him.

Concerning the Forty pound, of which Mr Upton wrot to Mr Iredell, and Mr Upton laid it before the late Gen: Meeting; as also Twenty Guineas lent by Mr Isaac McCartney, for the use of Mr Michll Bruce for service he did to this Church.

The way pay the forty pound to Mr Upton, and twenty three pound to Mr McCartney, and to pay the forty Eight Guineas to Mr Upton.

The several Prēbries are appointed to transmit their money to Mr Isaac McCartney, out of which he is to pay himself the Twenty Guineas, and send forty pound to Mr Hugh Henry, in Dublin, to relieve Mr Upton's bond. Our Clerk to give an order to Mr Upton for so doing.

As to the forty Eight Guineas mention'd by Mr Iredell, which Mr Upton advanc'd to him in Londn—

Mr Lewsly, of TemplePatrick, having receiv'd seventy three pound from Mr Isaac McCartney, Ordered, that Mr Iredell write to Mr Upton that the said forty Eight Guineas are to be allow'd to him out of that sum̄, Mr Upton having advanc'd that money to Mr Iredell.

The Time of a Gen: Fast prefixt.

It was agreed that a General Fast be observ'd in all our Congregāons on the second Wednesday of August next, unlesse Presbytries see fitt to alter the day in some places, on accot of fairs and some other public occasions. And it's likewise ordered that each Prēsbry observe a Fast of Ministers and Elders before that time, the Ministers to meet the evening before and agree upon the reasons of the Fast to be intimated in public, and concert the method of the Fast to be observ'd the day following. Ministers not to be riding that day when the Prēsbral Fast is kept.

We did then proceed to receive the names of these who shall be members of the Synod's fixt Com̄ittee, because there is very much in dependance. 'Tis agreed that there be four members out of each Prēsbry. In case a Parliament meet in this Kingdom, it's necessary that the Members of the Com̄ittee be instructed by their Prēsbries what they shall do when call'd together.

From the Prēsbry of

Down, ...	Mr Bruce
	Mr Orr
	Mr Sheñan
	Mr Nevin
Belfast, ...	Mr McBride
	Mr Kirkpatrick
	Mr Cobham
	Mr Gowan
(If Mr McBride fail, Mr Mich: Bruce.)	
Antrim, ...	Mr Taylor, Senr
	Mr Pettigrew
	Mr Abernethy
	Mr Livingston
Tyrone, ...	Mr Tho: Keñedy, Junr
	Mr Maxwell
	Mr Crooks
	Mr Arch: Boyd
Ardmagh	Mr Hutcheson
	Mr Cherrie
	Mr Lang
	Mr Fleming
Colrane, ...	Mr McGrigor
	Mr Haltridg
	Mr Boyd
	Mr Higinbotham

Derry,	.. ..	Mr Jo: Harvy Mr Winsly Mr Gray Mr Blair
Convoy,	.. ..	Mr Sam: Dunlop Mr Laird Mr Lynd Mr Ferlie
Monahan,	.. ..	Mr Jo: McGachy Mr Thomson Mr Tate Mr Alexr Fleming

The Clerk of the Synod to be a Member.

Nineteen to be the Quorum.

If this Comittee meet on the Sacram: Test, or Toleration, some of our Gentlemen, that is—two from each Prēsbry—are to be invited to joyn.

Ordered, if any of these members can't come, that Prēsbry being seasonably appriz'd shall send one in his room.

The Comittee is to meet in Belfast; to be called by Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclar, Mr Craghead, on occurring Emergents relating to this Church. These Brn are to write to Mr Ja: Bruce for Belfast Synod; to Mr Hutcheson for Ardmagh Synod; to Mr Laird for Derry Synod; and signify the causes of calling the Comittee, thereby the Prēsbries may know the causes.

Our Dublin Brn are also to write in all matters of our comon concernmt.

Ordered, also, what light the members of the Comittee can have from their Prēsbries, they're to take it; yet not to be limited thereto, because some things not foreseen by the Prēsbries or Members of the Comittee may fall in when the Comittee meets.

As to the assistance promist by the Synod to the building of a French Church in Dublin, noe further accot, neither is there any application now made.

Complaint being made by the Prēbry of Ardmagh that Down Prēsbry has not paid Mr Fraser, Probationer in Ardmagh Prēsbry, for supplying Galway, Año 1712—

Complaint was also made by the Prēbry of Antrim that Down Prēbry has not paid Mr Hud, Probationer in Antrim Prēbry, for supplying Galway, Año 1712—

Ordered, that the Prēbry of Down pay five pound to Mr Fraser; this money to be transmitted to Mr Lang for Mr Fraser's a/c:, within three moneths hence.

Ordered, that the Prēbry of Down pay five pound to Mr Hud; this money to be transmitted to Mr Brown within three moneths hence. Down Prēbry now promist to perform what is here injoyn'd.

Mr Alexr Sinclar writes concerning three particulars.

Mr Iredell gave to this Interloqr a letter from Mr Alexr Sinclar, in Dublin, which being read, treats of his share of R:D:, and about Mr Samuel Hallyday, junr, and a resident in London. He refers what further of these things to Mr Iredell, to comunicate to us. Mr Iredell being askt about Mr Hallyday, what thoughts there are of his setling in Plunketstreet, which Bro: Sinclar formerly propos'd, he answer'd that Mr Halyday (as is generally known) has been some time out of the Countrey; that he much inclines to return to Ireland, particularly to setle in Plunketstreet; but when he will come, or where he will fix, he cannot tell.

As to R:D:, that Mr Sinclar, as it's thought, design'd his share to Mr Hallyday. Agreed, that Mr Sinclar's share of R:D: be sent to himself.

As to a Resident, he knows nothing of that, if there be not some eye to Mr Halyday.

Mr Stuart, Cushendoll.

Mr Stuart, of Cushendoll, in his supplication, held forth that litle or nothing is giv'n to him, ev'n of the small thing allow'd to him by the Synod; and that is it on which most of his subsistance depends. If that be not paid, he fears he will be necessitate to live wholly on Charity. Enquiry being made who are debtors to Bro: Stuart, in his accott he returns Belfast to owe one pound five shills; Convoy, two pound eight shill: six pence; Derry, two pound; Antrim, nine shill: six pence; Ardmagh, one pound seven shill: and tenpence; Down, two pound six shills.

Ordered, that the several Prēbries meet and pay to him what they can before next sedertt of the Interloqr, and what remains due to be paid at a prefixt time. Also the several Clerks of this Synod are to bring a true state of accots with him, with the payments made.

Report of the Com: for Funds.

The Comittee of Funds made the following report by Mr Tho: Nevin their Clerk:—

Belfast Prēsbry has paid six pound and Eight pound sixteen shill:, with three pound nine shill: to Mr Henry, of Droheda, in part of last year.

Down report they are ready to pay about one half of Twenty Eight pound on accot of last year.

Antrim report they have paid five pound to Mr Henderson, of Dunean, but no more of the Fund.

Tyrone has paid none. Monahan has paid none this year.

Ardmagh has paid for the year ending June '714, seventeen pound six shill: sevenpence halfpeny; none for this year.

Colerain report was made that some of their members have not paid for several years. They say there is some in their hand for this year, but can't give a particular accott.

Convoy has paid four pound to Slego, four pound to Stranorlan, two pound to Badoni, for the year ending at this Synod.

Derry has not collected for this year.

That Comittee overtur'd that each Prēbry have a Collector for the Fund who may give in a fair accot. Agreed, the membrs are as follS:—From Derry Mr Gray, for Colrane Mr Higginbotham, for Antrim Mr Brown, for Belfast Mr Bruce, for Down Mr Nevin, for Monahan Mr Sim, for Tyrone Mr Keñedy, junr, for Ardmagh Mr Rainey, for Convoy Mr Laird; this Comittee is empower'd by the Interloqr to stir up their Prēbries duely to pay up their proportion of the Fund. Every Prēbry to have a Collr of the Fund.

There was Two hundred sixty four pound applotted on the Prēbries, to pay Two hundred pound ordered to our Comrs to London; forty pound to Mr Upton; and twenty four pound, that is twenty three pound to Mr Isaac McCartney, wch he gave by the Synod's desire to Mr Mich: Bruce and to Mr Blair for engrossing paprs, Employing Expresses on the Synod's accot, the other twenty shills including two shill: four pence to Mr White which he paid to Expresses. The Com: of Funds report as to that— Applotments on Prēbries.

Belfast has paid none; Derry has twelve pound five shill: Eight pence ready; Ardmagh Twenty two pound fifteen shill: for the Comrs; Mr Fleming has four pound; Down has paid none; Antrim paid Twenty one pound seventeen shill. and sixpence; Colerane paid all to the Comrs and to Mr McCartney; Tyrone paid Sixteen pound; Monahan collected Twenty pound, but stopt it for debts due to 'em on accot of Belturbet; Convoy have fourteen pound ready in Mr Laird's hand. Ordered, that Mr Laird pay that money to Aldr Lenox who is to be desir'd to transmit it to Mr McCartney. How paid.

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The Comittee of Funds laid the following Overt: before the Interloqr:—

Whereas, in stateing the public accots, it's evident that many are shamefully wanting in their respective Quotas to the Fund, and that much confusion has been occasion'd in said accots by some stopping in their hands the public money for some debts due to 'emselvs. It's therefore overtur'd, that whoevr pay not their respective applotments, or make reprisalls on the public money, shall have so much deducted out of their R:D: by the apptment of the Synod, as they shall stop in their hands or be deficient in, unless their Prēsbry can testify that such as are deficient have us'd due diligence to advance their proportion. What is stopt in publick money, for debts to particular persons; what has been stopt shall be taken out of R:D:

That whatever Prēbry shall not against next Synod bring in a distinct acctt of their arrears due to the Fund, and shew on which of their Congregations these arrears are lying upon, and make it evident that they us'd diligence to engage said Congregations to do what they can to get up the arrears, shall be in general lyable to the said arrears, and be oblig'd to pay them out of their R:D: in such sums, and at such payments, as the Synod shall appoint. Both these were unanimously agreed to. Prēbries stir up Congregations *sub pœna.*

Mr Hugh Fisher.

Mr John Hutcheson, with the concurrence of his Prēbry of Ardmagh, signify'd to this Interloqr that Mr Hugh Fisher, Probationer, desiring to go to some of the plantations in America, that the Prēbry has ordain'd him, that the end of his going may be the better obtain'd; that the young man was invited by a letter from Mr John Henry, a minister there. The Prēbry gave the young man a good character. He designs to go soon away; wants a viaticum, and that very speedily.

A viaticum to him.

The case being consider'd, it was recomēnded to the several Prēsbries, that they collect for Mr Fisher; that the collection be *primo quoq: tempē;* and speedily transmit it either to Mr John Young, Mercht in Belfast, or to Mr John Hutcheson of Ardmagh.

The Clerk is appointed to transmit the Copies of this Synod Minuts to the several Prēbries within six weeks, by an Express, the Prēbries paying the Express.

Mr Samll Dunlop, of Athlone.

The Prēsbry of Monaghan mov'd that Mr Samuel Dunlop is at a great loss by want of what was ordered to him by the Synod, he having receiv'd but litle. Enquiry being made into this, the Prēbry of Colerain was to pay him. That Prebrie's Clerk not being here, a distinct accot of that affair can't be had now. 'Twas recomēnded to that Prēsbry quickly to provide his money for him. Bro: Dunlop also propos'd that there was Ten pound appointed to him, before he was put on The Fund. He desir'd information from whom he shall receive that ten pound. The Interloqr told him that the Interloqr of next Synod will order that, the accots for this year to come being setled already, but at next Synod some way will be laid down how the Ten pounds shall be paid.

Pay Supplyrs at Gallway.

A Complaint was made by Mr Robert Thomson and Mr Patrick Plunket, both of Monahan Prēbry, that upon their supplying Gallway there is Ten pound due to 'em. It dos not appear that this has been inserted in our Minuts formerly, which proceeds from the omission o these who should have tabl'd it. Agreed that ways and means be laid down at next Synod how these Brethren shall be paid.

Overture referr'd to next Synod.

An Overture from the Interloqr of Belfast Synod was laid before this Interloqr—vizt that Mr Nathll Orr and Mr Robert Wirling be allow'd their share of Reg: Don: Upon reasoning, it was voted—Whether consider that matter now and put it to an Issue, or refer it to the first Sedert of the Interloqr of next Synod. It carry'd by the majority, refer.

Mr Rob: Sturgeon, his Licence ta'n fm him.

A Refer from the Prēsbry of Colerain, ℔ Comittee of Bills, relating to Mr Robert Sturgeon, who had been licens'd by that Prēbry, and for just reasons took his Licence from him. A Supplication from the Sessions of Dawson's Bridg and Kilrea to the Prēsbry desiring that Mr Sturgeon may be put into his former capacity of preaching as a Probationer, wch Supplication was the occasion of the Prēbry's referring the matter to this Interloqr. The Minuts of that Prēbry relative to Mr Sturgeon were read, wherein is held forth that he was guilty of forging a Certificat and breach of promise made to a Gentwoman to marry her; that he own'd his misbehaviour; for which he was rebukt and his Licence was taken from him. The Interloqr enquir'd of the Ministers in whose bounds he resides, how he has carry'd since his

Licence was taken from him. They answer'd that he has carry'd very soberly, and such is his conversation that they hope is truly penitent.

A Motion was agreed to, that the Prēsbry be askt how many Ministers were present at his Licensing. The Prēbries Minut being read shews that there were eight beside the Modr. Four were for Licensing him, and four were against it. The Modr's vote did cast it in the Affirmative, and the four against his being licens'd did dissent.

The Matter being duely considered, Order'd that the Prēbry of Colerain shall not restore his Licence nor receive him till they be advis'd by the Gen: Synod so to do. In the mean time, the Prēbry is not to encourag him in his studies as if they would receive him. Not receive him till the G: Synod advise so to do.

Agreed that all Prēbries shall be very carefull not to give Encouragment to New Erections where, 1, they destroy or disable an old congregation in their former settlement. 2. Where they are not able to maintain a Minister themselvs. 3. Where they can be añext to any other congregation conveniently. This Overture is to be transmitted to the several Prēbries. Caution about New Erections.

Where there be any vacancies very weak, and can't either be conveniently añext to another congregation, nor capable of supporting a Minister themselvs, that in such case they be ta'n care of by their Prēsbry; ordinances be dispens'd to 'em; young men be order'd to supply them with preaching, catechize their families and visit their sick; and that Ministers be appointed by their Prēbries to exercise discipline, administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper among 'em; and that the said vacancies shall not be planted without the Synod's advice, untill they come up to the Synod's Quota. All wch was unanimously agreed to. Ordered, also, that this rule be observ'd in all our vacancies whatsoever. Rule concerning vacancies.

In doing the above duties it is still provided that vacancies shall contribute what they can toward young men who supply them. Young cōmunicants are to be Examin'd by the Minister that administers that Holy Ordinance.

Mr Kirkpatrick made complaint that thô he was desir'd by the Interloqr of the Gen: Synod to send to Holland for Sixty Copies of *Altare Damascenum;* that he procur'd them as cheap as possible; that he got a Bill from a Mercht of Belfast; that the Copies were in danger of being lost, he having noe accott of 'em for a long time, was oblig'd to send Expresses to Scotland to enquire for 'em; and he further says ye Ministers neglecting to take the Copies off his hand, he has not been able to pay off the said Bill, but that it is still lying over his head bearing Interest, and that ten or a dozen of 'em are yet unsold. Mr Kirkpk, *Altare Damascenum.*

Upon which it was enquir'd who of this Interloqr wants that book. He also told us that as many engag'd to take the said books as wd take all that are unsold, he desires that his loss and expense may be consider'd.

Agreed that the Clerk and Mr Nevin take his accots, and that they give an order to him to receive out of Reg: Don: whatever it appears Order upon it.

he wants to defray his Charge, he being willing to be at Twenty shill: loss himself.

Read Synod Minut *sub pœnâ.*

Whereas it's Evident that most of our Prēbries omit reading the Minuts of the Gen: Synod, ordered that every Prēbry shall at their first Sederunt, after receiving the Synod Minuts, read 'em, and extract out of 'em into their own Minuts every thing relating to themselvs, that so they may still have a view of the particulars in their own Minuts, and be put in mind of what they're appointed by the Synod; and that the Sub-Synods take notice of this in Revising Prēbry books, and whatever Prēbry is guilty of any such omission for the future shall be publickly rebukt. This was unanimously agreed to.

Applotment by the Comittee of Funds for the year 1715 on the several Prēbries, and to what Congregāons the money is to be paid :—

Applotmts on the Prēbries for the year MDCCXV., 1715.

Belfast Prēsbry,	£41 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Kirkdoñald 4 : 0 : 0, to Drogheda 35 : 0 : 0, to Slego 2 : 0 : 0.
Down Prēsbry,	£28 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Gallway 20 : 0 : 0, to Slego 5 : 0 : 0, to Edenderry 2 : 10 : 0, to Dundalk 0 : 10 : 0.
Antrim Prēsbry,	£30 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Dunean 5 : 0 : 0, to Dundalk 12 : 10 : 0, to Edenderry 12 : 10 : 0.
Tyrone Prēsbry,	£18 : 10 : 0 thus—	to Loghall 12 : 0 : 0, to Badoni 4 : 10 : 0, to Golan 2 : 0 : 0.
Monahan Prēbry,	£27 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Belturbet 20 : 0 : 0, to Golan 4 : 0 : 0, to Dundalk 3 : 0 : 0.
Ardmagh Prebry,	£31 : 0 : 0 thus—	to VeniCash 9 : 0 : 0, to Lurgan 10 : 0 : 0, to Dundalk 12 : 0 : 0.
Colerain Prēbry,	£21 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Athlone 10 : 0 : 0, to Cushendol 9 : 0 : 0, to Dundalk 2 : 0 : 0.
Convoy Prēbry,	£18 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Stranorlan 6 : 0 : 0, to Glendvadock 2 : 0 : 0, to Doe 2 : 0 : 0, to Slego 8 : 0 - 0.
Derry Prēbry,	£28 : 0 : 0 thus—	to Moywater 15 : 0 : 0, to Inniskillin 10 : 0 : 0, to Badoni 3 : 0 : 0.
	£242 : 10 : 0	

To Drogheda,	35 : 0 : 0 ;	to Belturbet,	20 : 0 : 0 ;	to Stranorlan,	6 : 0 : 0.
To Dundalk,	30 : 0 : 0 ;	to VeniCash,	9 : 0 : 0 ;	to Gallway,	20 : 0 : 0.
To Inniskilling,	10 : 0 : 0 ;	to Lurgan,	10 : 0 : 0 ;	to Badoni,	7 : 10 : 0.
To LoghGall,	12 : 0 : 0 ;	to Cushendoll,	9 : 0 : 0 ;	to Glendivadock,	2 : 0 : 0.
To Edenderry,	15 : 0 : 0 ;	to Athlone,	10 : 0 : 0 ;	to Doe,	2 : 0 : 0.
To Golan,	6 : 0 : 0 ;	to Sligo,	15 : 0 : 0 ;	to Kirkdoñell,	4 : 0 : 0.
To Dunean,	5 : 0 : 0 ;	to Moywater,	15 . 0 : 0 ;		
	113 : 0 : 0		88 : 0 : 0		41 : 10 : 0

£242 : 10 : 0

An Overture made by the said Com: was that in case R:D: be continu'd, all Min^rs to commence from the first quā^r day after their Ordination without any defalcation, this being agreeable to the design of the Dono^r, and more necessary to such then than sometime afterward.

This Overture was not agreed to, members being so few.

The Extract of the Acco^t which Mr Hugh Henry of Droheda sent to this Interloq^r, thus entituled :—

An Acco^tt of Money receiv'd and due by the Revd Gen: Synod of Ulster since my first settlement :—

At June, 1711, due to me £31–10–0, payable

By M^r B: Blair, by order of the Synod,	£19–10–0,	rēc^d 2–10–0,	remains £17 : 0 : 0
By Down Prēbry,	12– 0–0,	rēc^d 0– 7–0,	11 : 13 : 0
	31–10–0	2–17–0	28 – 13 – 0

At June, 1712, due to me £40–0–0, payable

By Belfast Prēbry,		rēc^d 13: 16: 0,	£26–14–0

At June, 1713, due to me £40–0–0, payable

By Belfast Prēbry,	35– 0–0,	rēc^d 28–12–6,	6– 7–6
Derry Prēb:,	2– 0–0,	2– 0–0,	0– 0–0
Antrim Preb:,	1– 0–0,	1– 0–0,	0– 0–0
Ardmagh Preb:,	2– 0–0,	2– 0–0,	0– 0–0
	40– 0–0	33: 12: 6	6 : 7–6

At June, 1714, due to me £40–0–0,

By the Rev^d Prēbry of Belfast,	24–0–0,	rēc^d 20: 19: 5,	3 : 7–0	
By the Rev^d Prēb: of Down,	16–0–0,	1– 0–0,	15– 0–0	Most paid by ord^r to S: Smily.
	40–0–0	21–19–5	18– 7–0	

At June, 1715, due to me £40–0–0, payable

By the Revd Preb: of Belfast,	£37– 0–0,	rēc^d 6–0–0,	31– 0–0
Revd Preb: of Down,	2–10–0,	0: 0: 0,	2–10–0

Revd Preb: of Derry,	0–10:0,	0:0:0,	0–10–0
	40–0–0		34–0–0

Total Remains, £113–1–0.

At Drogheda, June 20th, 1715. HU: HENRY.

A Paragraph in p. 34 of Derry Synod Book is to be ras'd.

According to the resolution of this Synod that there be a fraternal Censure at the Close of the Synod, the sev^{ll} Prēbries were remov'd. None fm̄ Derry Prēsbry present except Mr Blair. Mr Gray went away without leave.

None fm̄ Tyrone present except M^{r} McClave. Mr Arch^{d} Boyd, M^{r} Jo: Keñedy went away without leave.

Ardmagh—Mr Gilbert Keñedy, Mr Young, Mr Colvill went without leave. Monahan—Mr Rob: Thomson went without leave. Down—Mr Hamilton, Mr Dickson, Mr Ramsey, M^{r} McAlpin went without leave, Belfast—Mr Adair, Mr Sinclar went without leave. Convoy—All are gone. Colrane—Mr Clark, Mr Neil went without leave. Antrim—All the Br^{n} were present.

Upon the whole, the Mod^{r} expresst himself as follows :—

Fraternal Censures.

Thô there was nothing particular ag^{t} any Bro:, yet there were some things in general which I'm desir'd to take notice of, vizt :— That there was some warmth observable in the temper of some, and too much levity amongst many, and it was the mind of all present that when there were any parties in a Congregāon about choosing Probationers, a Min^{r} should not appear for any of the parties, nor do anything to keep up the division, and it was remarkt that some shew'd litle respect to the Mod^{r} by going out when they were call'd in to stay upon the vote.

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An Enquiry into the State of Religion, the Causes of its present decay, with some Proposals for Reviving it.

It is the just Regrate of all the godly among us, that true Piety has suffer'd a lamentable and universal decay, aud thô by a long Custom of sinning, and the judicial departure of the Holy Spirit, many are harden'd into an utter Insensibility, the truth is never the lesse evident, and so much the more deplorable.

This melancholly event may be assign'd to several Causes, especially, it's to be fear'd, that four Grievous defections, a great part of this Generation are under the dreadfull Plague of Hardness of Heart, and Blindness of Mind, the most awefull judgments God inflicts on sinners in this life.

But in whatever degree, this may be a penal infliction, certainly it is not without hainous provocations on our part. We have vexed, quench'd, griev'd the Blessed Spirit, and therefore our sins—the natural causes of our Apostacy, and the Procuring Causes of our Punishment—for which the Lord hath made us to err from His ways, and hardned our heart from His fear, are the proper subjects of our Enquiry.

The great Schism among Protestants in Britain and Ireland may be justly numbred among the Principal Causes of the decay of Religion. The Scriptures and Experience make it evident, that Divisions have been extremely prejudicial to the Church. Intestine jars are justly esteem'd fatal to any Society; for which side soever gains, the Comunity looses, and the Triumphs of a part are at the expence of the whole: but they are especially pernicious to the Church. They prey upon the very vitals of Christianity and wear it to a shadow: not only the Body of Christ suffers a disadvantage by the oppressing and weakening some of its parts, but ev'n the prosprous Party ruins itself in its Charity, which is the life of a Church, and essential to true Religion; the hearts of Christians are alienated from each other, God is provokt, Satan gets advantage to sow his Tares, Heresies are broatch'd, and Godliness itself comes into contempt. All these effects are sadly Exemplify'd in our Divisions, which have been of a long continuance, and are grow'n to a Prodigious Height. 1 Cause.

From the very Beginning of the Reformation, the Protestants of these Kingdoms were of different sentiments. Some, renouncing the Gross Errors and Idolatory of Popery, incline to retain many of the Ceremonies, and model the Church as near as they could to the Church of Rome, that so the Papists might be induc'd to fall in with the Reformation. Others thought they were oblig'd to declare themselvs warmly against all the Relicts of Antichristian Superstition, and separate intirely from it. Ev'n in the times of Q: Mary's Persecution, Division prevail'd among the English Exiles in Germany, to the great offence of the Churches and prejudice of Religion.

When it pleas'd God to re-establish the Reform'd Interest in England, under the Reign of Q: Elizabeth, these things, which the Reformers held Indifferent, and the greatest and best part of them thought in time to lay aside, were impos'd as Terms of Communion, and made a necessary part of the Legal Establishment. This Rigorous injunction of Uniformity, as it alwise doth, prov'd the fatal Engine of Division; the Contention grew more fierce than ever, these who conscientiously scrupl'd Conformity were not to be won to a complyance by such Methods. They were further confirm'd in their dissent; the Imposers, so far from abateing their Rigor, became more severe. At last, in the Reign of K: Cha: 1st:, the High Church Party plainly inclin'd to Popery, and with the utmost violence persecuted all that differ'd from 'em. This was one great Cause of the Civil wars, which, not to mention other consequences of 'em, produc'd a great change in the state of Religion. Prelacy and the Ceremonies were abolish'd.

The Scots fram'd a Religious Covenant wch they offer'd to the Parliamt of England, as a League between the two Kingdoms. The

Substance of it was, that they bound themselvs in their Several Stations and Callings, to endeavour the preservation of the Reform'd Religion in Britain and Ireland; to extirpate Popery, Prelacy, Schism, and prophaness; to maintain the privileges of Parliam^{ts}, and the Rights and Prerogatives of the King. That which has been most obnoxious to Censure in this solemn Vow, is the Extirpation of Prelacy, and it is generally misunderstood. They did not swear to extirpate all kind of Episcopacy or superiority among Min^{rs} (thô it is the principle of Presbyterians that noe such superiority is warranded by the word of God), wch many of the Covenanters, both of the Parliam^{t} and Assembly, at least in England, declar'd themselvs for, but only the English Hierarchy, that is, as it is explain'd in the Covenant itself—Church Goverm^{t} by Arch-Bishops, their Chancellors and Com̃-issaries, Deans and Chapters, &c.; and that particular model of Episcopacy they had found very burdensom, and universally thought prejudicial to the true Interest of Religion. Charity obliges us to believe that the Intention of those who made that solemn Covenant was very good, and that they acted conscientiously in it, binding 'emselvs to nothing but what they thought the word of God bound them to; and, by all acco^{ts} we've, God did remarkably countenance 'em by a plentifull Effusion of His Spirit, for it is certain that Religion did then most convincingly flourish; but it must be acknowledg'd there were some mismanagm^{ts} in the times subsequent to the framing of the Covenant, especially from the year 1647, which had an unhappy Influence on the Decay of Religion. The Covenant was impos'd as a Term of Christian Communion, nay, as a Test for Civil Employments. The Covenanters themselvs sided into parties, whereby the Peace of the Church was broken; a door was open'd for the sectaries to spread their poyson; God was provok'd to leave His People, and a Glorious work of Reformation effectually marr'd. This Rigor and these Divisions are mention'd here as instances of our uncharitable spirit prevailing among Protestants of all denominations, ev'n the best of em.

Several things that have great Influence on the Decay of Religion.

When Prelacy was again establish'd, at the Restoration of K: Charl: the 2^{d}, High Church acted over the same part it had done before, and the Dissenters felt the Effects of its rage. New Penal-Laws were enacted, and old ones Reviv'd: whatever Rigor can be charg'd on the Presbyterians, it was cruelly reveng'd by their Enemies.

The Covenant was publickly burnt by the hands of a Com̃on Hang-man; a declaration was order'd to be taken that it was not obligatory; and an act was made that every man shall forfeit his estate, & be perpetually imprison'd, who affirms that there is any obligation upon himself, or any other, from this Vow, to endeavour any alteration of Goverm^{t} in the Church. This, certainly, was a prodigious national guilt. Undoubtedly there are some things in the Covenant good; many conscientious people thought it all so: and to inflict such Penal-ties on any who own'd themselvs bound by it, and force men to abjure it, is an Impiety never to be excus'd.

These transactions, thô long agoe past, are mention'd now for two Reasons:—1. Because, if we would humble ourselvs before God, and sincerely reform, we ought to mourn over the Sins of our Fathers, the

Sins of our Kings, Nobles, Ministers, Persons of all conditions and all parties, in former times, after the Examples of the Godly Reforming Jews recorded in Scripture. 2. Because it is evident the same uncharitable Spirit prevails in the contending Parties: the Iniquity of our Fathers is the unhappy precedent of ours, and we continue in their backslidings, we fill up their measure, we're still biteing and devouring one another; and if the Spirit of Peace do not graciously prevent it, are like to be consum'd one of another.

This is too plain to be deny'd by the sober and judicious of either Comunion. The Bigottry of High Church is lamented by pious and moderate men within the Establishmt itself. The Penal Laws are still in force against Dissenters in this Kingdom, and many shew too great a disposition to have them rigorously executed. The late vexatious Prosecutions of some Ministers, meerly for preaching the Gospel in those places where the Papists are vastly more numerous than Protestants of all Denominations, and of others for holding assemblies for discipline, only to preserve order in their societies, are flameing instances of this. Where the Dissenters enjoy a legal Toleraon, it is the Envy and Torment of a certain sett of men, who long to have the severities of former Reigns against all who ev'n conscientiously differ from them, reviv'd. Besides, the unjust and Invidious Reflexions cast on the Dissenters, as men of Anti-Monarchical Principles, with many other groundless Calumnies, and the passionate Zeal many shew for the Sacramental Test, are clear discoveries of the Prevalence of a furious Party-spirit. The last particular mention'd, namely, the Sacramental Test, has, another way, too, a great influence on the Decay of Religion, as it is a notorious occasion of prophaning the Lord's Supper, while many, meerly to secure their Civil and Military offices, receive that blessed Ordinance altogether unprepar'd and hypocritically.

On the other hand, the Dissenters are not free of guilt in this matter. Some of 'em have very litle Charity for any of the Establisht Church. They revile the persons of men, rather than shew a Compassionate Sorrow for, or Christian Resentment against, their Sins; they declare their Aversion to lawfull and comendable Practices, only because they're us'd by the Church of England, such as the use of the Lord's Prayr, notwithstanding it is recomended by the Directory, receiv'd and approv'd by all Presbyterians in Britain and Ireland; they refuse or neglect to pray for Protestants of that Persuasion; they are unwilling to own their agreement with the Church in those things wherein we and all sound Protestants are really agreed with her: whereas we ought to bless God that she still retains so much of the Form of Sound Words and Purity of the Christian Faith in her public establisht Confession, and chearfully declare how far we joyn in it. Thus our Comon Christianity suffers on all sides; Charity is decay'd, and Piety with it; Religion is confin'd to a Partie, and true Zeal for God's glory is turn'd into Zeal for those Tenets that are the distinguishing Characteristicks of particular Persuasions, and either false, or, at least, not fundamental.

From this Fountain have flow'd Gross Fundamental Errors in Doctrine, as it has been always observ'd that Schisms 've issu'd in heresies, and they are now become so many, and so generally spread Cause II.

among us, that they may be justly accounted a distinct and very great cause of the Decay of Religion. Arminianism was the first Gross Error that broke in upon the Purity of the Protestant Doctrine, under the Reign of K: James 1st, and it has still since been more deeply rooted, and more universally entertain'd; and as evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, by the just and awefull judgment of God, and by the natural Tendency of Arminianism itself, this has been the occasion of abominable Heresies, such as the Socinian, and some are arriv'd ev'n at Infidelity and Atheism. Quakerism has also been much spread; some of the Exploded Tenets of Popery have been reviv'd, such as the Priests' Power of forgiving Sins; that the Eucharist is a Real Sacrifice; and the Necessity of Ordination by Bishops in Lineal Succession, according to pretended Ecclesiastical Canons, in order to the validity of public Ministrations, which hath been of late maintain'd by some, is a principle of the same spirit and tendency.

Cause IIId. The Negligence of many Magistrates in the Execution of their Office, and their wicked lives, have greatly contributed to the Increase of Immorality and Prophaness. It is obvious, in many instances, that judgment has been turn'd into Gall, and the fruit of Righteousness into Hemlock; that Civil authority has been terrible to them who do well, and encouraging to evil doers; that wholesome laws for suppressing of Sin have not been duely executed; and some in eminent stations, who ought by the Influence of their authority and Example to have promoted Reformation, have been Ring leaders in vice and Impiety.

But, if we considr the present state of things, abstractly from the Influence wch the Corruption of former times, or the Negligence and Impiety of Magistrates has had upon 'em, we shall find many things amise with the Ministers of the Gospel, Ruling Elders, and People, whereby true Religion has suffer'd very much.

Cause IIIIth. 1. As to Ministers, they have fail'd in preaching the Word of God, and as that is the principal Branch of their Office, and the principal means of converting and edifying souls, failures in it must be of a very dangerous tendency. Some use an affected, obscure stile, hard, unintelligible terms, or the enticing words of man's wisdom; others disparage the Sublime and mysterious Subjects of the Gospel by mean Expressions, and sometimes such as are apt to move laughter, rather than promote Edification. 2. Some do scandalously disobey the Apostle's injunction, to give themselves to reading. The neglect of study is apparent in their public performances, and in their conversation; particularly, the remissness of Minrs, in preparation for public prayr, is evident in their indecent and indigested expressions, which are offensive and unedifying, and give a handle to prophane spirits to reflect on that Holy Ordinance. In general, it is notorious fact that the want of Learning is one causeof the contempt of the Ministry. 3. Their Negligence in private Ministerial labours, especially that in visiting their Congregāons they take too litle care to know the state of their people's souls, and so they cannot adapt their discourse, both private and public, to the necessity of their flocks, and be directed how to pray for 'em. 4. It is the sin of some to mispend their time in what is comonly call'd Civil visits, that is, unprofitable discourse, both with people of

their own and of different persuasions, and sometimes jestings, which are not convenient. 5. Thô, Blest be God, there have been hitherto but few Ministers in this Church chargeable with gross scandal in their Morals, and the few instances of that kind which have appear'd have been proceeded ag^t with due Severity, yet there are offences of a lesser size observable in the behaviour of some, which bring reproach on our Holy Profession—such as unnecessary frequenting ale-houses and Taverns; some entangling 'emselvs too much in the affairs of the world, thô it must be lamented that some Ministers labour under such difficulties as oblige them to do what otherwise they w^d not encline to; and the levity of young men, especially Probationers, in their Courtships, rash Promises of Marriage, and scandalous violations of them. 6. The infrequent administration of the Lord's Supper.—Our Saviour's Institution obliges us to do it often, and it's certain that Blessed Ordinance is an excellent means for reviving Religion. How then can it be expected but Religion must decay, when it is but rarely administred? The pretence that the frequency abates of the solemnity of it, will by noe means justify this neglect; for it is the authority and Presence of Christ that makes the solemnity of His ordinances, not a great concourse of people, which is all that can be supposed to be abated by a frequent administration. Never was any celebration so solemn as the first, when the number of Comunicants was but small. 7. The partial Exercise of Discipline.—Some persons of Eminency and distinction have been conniv'd at in their wickedness; some sins escape public censure altogether; adulterers and fornicators are almost the only sinners who are rebukt before all, when it's certain that habitual quarrelling, drunkeness, and, especially, swearing, deserve the same Censure. 8. The rash admission of men into the Holy Ministry, without a due examination of their aptness to teach, and without sufficient evidences of their Piety.—The Tryal of Candidats is oft very superficial, and some have been allow'd to preach, whose insufficiency, imprudence, & the unwatchfulness of their conversation, have been reproachfull to Religion. It is to be fear'd many Ministers partake of other men's sins, by laying on hands too suddenly. 9. The Behaviour of Ministers in Prēbries and Synods, and other assemblies for discipline, has been extremely offensive. Railery, inconvenient jesting, unbecoming the Importance of the Subject under considerāon, the Gravity of the Ministerial Character, and judicatories constituted in His name and by the authority of our Ld Jesus Christ; indecent heat and passion; impatience of contradiction; irritating expressions, nay, sometimes virulent expressions; mutual jealousies, and a factious Party Spirit; disobedience to appointm^ts; and a haughty contempt of admonitions and rebukes, have greatly abounded in such Meetings, to the dishonour of God, and Reproach of our Holy Profession: especially it is to be lamented that the proper ends of such assemblies have been very much neglected. Litle care has been taken to enquire into the State of Religion, or concert measures for reviving it; the most useful projects, and worthy of the consideration of Synods, have been either not at all entertain'd, or very faintly pursu'd. An instance of the former is the proposal for propagating the Gospel among the Irish, wch was intirely and shamefully dropt, and, certainly, the neglect of that Glorious and

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most necessary work, is one cause of God's Controversy with Protestants of all Denominations in this Kingdom. An Instance of the latter is the scandalous deficiency of the Funds for supporting weak Congregāons, which are setled on the public promises, whereby that good design is much marr'd, the Min^{rs} setled in those Congregāons very much injur'd & extremely discourag'd, the credit of the Synod become very contemptible, and all this in a great measure to be charg'd on the remissness of Ministers. And what has very much hindred the reformation of abuses, is the superficial managem^{t} of Privy Censures, while yet some of the Min^{rs} take liberty to cast private reflexions upon one another.

When these things are duely consider'd, there is just ground to apprehend that if Min^{rs} trace 'emselvs into their retirements, they will find much matter of humiliation; for, generally, private and public duties are correspond^{t} to one another, and if we were faithfully endeavoring to maintain dayly Comūnion with God in secret, it would comānd an answerable behaviour in those parts of our life that are more open, and derive a lustre on our whole Conversāon. Nay, and it may be fear'd that the true Principles and Motives of sacred Ministrations have been too litle regarded, and had too litle Influence upon us; for, certainly, if we had more Zeal for God's Glory, love to Christ, and Charity to Precious Souls, these w^{d} produce a more humble, self-deny'd, circumspect, steddy, and uniformly agreeable deportment in every branch of our Ministry.

Cause V.

The Office of Ruling Elders is a Divine Institution for the reformation of Manners. When it's not duely executed, it's plain that end must be much marr'd. Now, that the present Ruling Elders of this Church have had a share in the Decay of Religion, is too evident. In the Exercise of Discipline they are guilty of the same failures with the Min^{rs}; the Ignorance and Imprudence of many of 'em have brought their station itself into contempt; their neglecting to enquire into the state of the people under their charge, and give information to their Min^{r}; their unacquaintance with Ecclesiastick Discipline, and the constitution of Church judicatories, render 'em uncapable of ruling well; and the uncircumspect lives, especially the Intemperance of some, has giv'n the prophane a handle to reflect on our Profession.

Ruling Elders.

Deacons.

Cause VI.

It can't be thought but such failures in the officers of the Church must affect the state of Religion among the people, whose growth or declension is generally proportionable to theirs who are set over them; but here the proportion is very far exceeded, and the unfruitfulness of the hearers of the Gospell much greater than what might be expected reasonably from the means of Grace they enioy; for, blesst be God, the purity of doctrine and worship is still maintain'd, the Counsell of God is declar'd, and the crucify'd Jesus faithfully preacht; thus God hath taken care of His vineyard, yet it brings forth wild grapes instead of Grapes. The condition of this Church seems to come nearest to that of Laodicea, of any that is describ'd in Scripture. Lukewarmness is the prevailing disease, and, therefore, we may be afraid our Redeemer will spue us out of His mouth, unless we comply with His saving Counsells and repent. A presumptous conceit of their own Goodness, and resting

in a Form of Religion, is the Bane of many Professors of Christianity; the Entrance of the word of Life is effectually precluded by a fond opinion that they are rich, and encreas'd with goods, and have need of nothing: thus the great Salvation is neglected, despight is done to the Spirit of Grace, Christ is rejected, and the Lord is provokt to give many up to their own hearts' lusts, to walk in their own Counsells. In consequence of this, scandalous Immoralities abound among us—swearing, drunkeness, whoredome, malice, envy, debate, lying, slandering, backbiting, fraud, and oppression; but, blesst be the Lord, there are still some who truly fear His name. If He had not left us a remnant, we should have been as Sodom and Gomorrha; yet they are ev'n accessory to the decay of Religion, having in a great measure corrupted their ways, and left their first love: thus we may find in ourselvs these two symptoms of the worst times, according to our Saviour's words—Iniquity abounding, and the Love of many waxen cold. Zeal for God's Glory is much abated in the Godly themselvs, and Charity to His people.

This last, namely, the decay of Love to the saints, is evident in notorious instances, such as the want of Sympathy wth the suffering servants of Christ abroad, and with the afflicted at home; our Coolness and Indifference in Conversation upon spiritual subjects, and mutually communicating experiences in Religion; the neglect of secret Pray^r^, mutual admonitions, and Exhortations; all which evils are observ'd to have grown of a long time, ev'n among sincere Christians.

Besides what has been said in general, some particular sins may be observ'd, which are very prevailing, and have a great influence on the decay of Religion and serious Godliness; as, First, the scandalous breach of the Sabbath day—sometimes by Gross Extravagance, sometime unnecessary Travelling, frequently by Idlensss and unprofitable Discourse, which is ordinarily known to be an Inlett to all mañer of wickedness. 2^ly^. The neglect of Family Religion—the houses of many, instead of being litle Churches and Seminaries of Piety, are nurseries of vice and profaness. Parents are very unserious in bringing their children to Baptism, careless of their Education afterward; and their sin is oft remarkably punisht in the disobedience of Children, which particularly appears in Clandestine Marriages, without the knowledg and consent of Parents, an evil that abounds very much.

Family-worship is omitted by many, or superficially perform'd, and who can doubt but secret pray^r^ is also restrain'd before God. 3^ly^. An unsuitable, unprepar'd approach to the Holy Table of the Lord, and the notorious unwatchfulness of some, and perfidious Breach of Vows. The Apostle tells us this was the sin of the Corinthian Church; for which cause many were weak and sickly among 'em, and many slept. And it is not to be doubted but the same guilt among us is punisht with spiritual sickness and weakness, and, perhaps, with other judgments, thô too litle regarded. 4. Covetousness is a reigning sin in many of this Generation. The Scripture calls it Idolatry, and it's certain it dos very much obstruct the success of the Gospell. The care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and the hearer becomes unfruitfull. As it is observ'd in the Prophesie of Ezekiel, so it is found now in experience—Many come to the public

ordinances, as the people cometh, and sit as God's people. They hear His words, but do 'em not; for, with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their Covetousness. A particular Instance of this is the great undutifulness of some Congregāons to their Min^rs, and neglecting to give 'em an hoñrble maintenance; whereby the Holy Ministry is like to be brought into contempt, and the Credit of the Gospel to suffer extremely. 5^ly. The very provoking disregard of these remarkable and peculiar methods God has taken for our Reformation. Great dangers have threaten'd us—the Rod has been held over our guilty heads; yet we did not return to the Lord. Providences have oft signally, and particularly of late, at the late happy Revolution, and the seasonable and Peaceable accession of King George to the Throne of these Realms, interpos'd for our deliverance, and rescu'd the Protestant Interest and the Coñon Liberties of these nations from impending ruine. The same kind Divine Providence has preserv'd us, in particular, from the malicious attempts of our Enemies. It must be extreme stupidity, and highly displeasing to the Matie of God, to be unaffected with such favours; yet we're guilty of such heinous Ingratitude, and continue still in a great measure impenitent and unreformed. Seing God has punisht us far less than our Iniquities deserve, and has giv'n us such deliverance, should we again break His Commandments, have we not reason to fear He will be angry with us till He have consum'd us, so as there shall be noe remnant, nor escaping?

6^ly. Many are grossly Ignorant of the Essential Truths of Religion, which is in a great measure owing to the neglect of reading the Holy Scripture; thô God has giv'n us such clear discoveries of His will, and this is a sin so highly provoking to Him, that He threatens the People who are void of understanding, that He that made 'em will not have mercy on 'em, and He that form'd 'em will shew them noe favour. It is justly to be fear'd that multitudes of souls among us will be destroy'd for lack of knowledge.

The Effectual Remedy of all these Evils would be a sincere and through obedience to the Gospel, if Sinners could be convinc'd of their Misery, and Poverty, and Blindness, and Nakedness, and prevail'd with to buy of Christ Gold try'd in the fire, and white Raiment, and Eyesalve; at least it may be hopt that the Godly will remember from whence they're fall'n and repent, and do their first works, lest Christ come quickly and remove our Candlestick out of his place; but, especially, the Rulers and Teachers in the Church must, according to the duty of their station, exert 'emselvs with a becoming Zeal for the Revival of decay'd Religion, and to them the following Overtures are propos'd:—

Remedy of these Evils.

First. That Min^rs be very carefull, both publickly and privately, to instruct their people in the fundamental Truths of Christianity, and to refute, in the most convincing mañer they can, the Heresies and Errors which do most abound; and that they teach them the true grounds of dissenting from the Establisht Church, their Ignorance of which is one great cause of uncharitableness, as also of the sinfull complyance of some, an instance whereof is the rash accepting the office and taking the oath of Church Warden, a practice which of late has

obtain'd in diverse places. 2. That they be very diligent in preparatory studies for public ministrations; that they use, as much as may be, the Inspired Language of the Holy Ghost, both in preaching and pray^r, and, when other words are necessary for illustration, they accustom themselvs to a plain, natural, and unaffected stile. 3. That they endeavour with the utmost Industry to improve themselvs in learning, particularly in the knowledg of the Original Languages, of the most celebrated controversies in Divinity, of Ecclesiastical History, and that they carefully read the most valuable practical Treatises, both ancient and modern; and, because generally we have but few books, it will be expedient for supplying that want that they keep a Correspondence among 'emselvs, and have frequent conferences on subjects of Learning. 4. That they endeavour to acquaint 'emselvs with the spiritual state of their several flocks; that they freely and faithfully reprove the sins that abound most among them, and still accomodate their Sermons to their particular necessities. 5. That their private Conversation with their people be religious and pure, and when they converse with persons of a different persuasion, they chuse the most pious and sober, and entertain discourse with them on serious subjects, whereby Charity may be reviv'd, our Holy Profession recomended, and Piety promoted. 6. For rectifying the abuses that have crept into our judicatories, it is propos'd that in the conclusion of every Synod, Presbytry, or other assembly for discipline, there be some time spent in a fraternal Censure of the behaviour of the members during that Meeting, wherein they shall use all faithfull freedom, one with another, and the Brethren's remarks on such as withdraw from the Censure without leave, shall be markt in the Records of the judicatories.

That at every Gen: Synod some time be spent in enquiring into the state of Religion; that the most material affairs for promoting the Interest of the Gospel be first ta'n into consideration, particularly, that the proposal for propagating the Gospel among the Irish be reviv'd, and that for supporting weak congregations due measures be more effectually and steddily pursu'd; that the best rules for censuring offenders, & the method of proceeding in judicatories, be out of our own acts, and the Canons of other Churches, collected into a book of discipline, that so we may come to uniformity in discipline, and unnecessary debates about uncertain rules may be prevented. And it will be worthy the Synod's care to take speedy effectual methods for compiling a History of this Church, which has been shamefully neglected. 7. That the whole Gen: Synod, Ministers and Ruling Elders, keep a Solemn Fast, confessing the decay of Religion, and making fervent supplication to God for reviving it; that there be frequent Fasts in Presbries and inferior judicatories, and that congregational Fasts be also enjoyn'd; that Secret and Family Fasts be recomended, and that Min^rs be exemplary herein; that Min^rs, among 'emselvs, and Sessions also, meet frequently for social pray^r; that such societies as meet for pray^r among the people be encourag'd, and others set up by the direction of the several Sessions

A General Synod met in Belfast, June 19th, 1716.

Die Martis, horâ 5^{a} *a merid:*

Mr John Abernethy open'd this Synod by preaching on Dan:, 12' 4; and, after constitution by pray^{r},

Sess: 1^{a}. *Sederunt*, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this Synod.

CONVOY.

Min·^{rs}.	Elders.
M·^{rs} Sam: Henry	
Willm Holmes	
Sam: Dunlop	
Ja: Wallace	
Alex^{r} McCacken	Jo: McFarlin
Jo: Holmes	
Ja: Cochren	

DOWN.

Ja: Bruce	Wm Stuart
Jo: Gawdie	Tho: Moorhead
Hen: Hamilton	Hugh McGown
Jo: Mairs	
Ja: McAlpin	Wm McClinshy
Tho: Orr	Jo: M'Garroch
Sam: Shenan	Hu: M'Come
Wm Biggar	Mr Blackwood
Wm Smith	Ja: Forbes
Ja: Reid	Geo: Shields
Hu: Ramsey	Jo: McGee
Arch^{d} Dixon	And: Tod
Tho: Nevin	Geo: Ja
Fra: M'Gomery	Jo: Watson

BELFAST.

Jo: McBride	Mr Isaac McCartney
Alex: Sinclar	
Alex: McCracken	Jo: Clark
Ja: Kirkpatrick	Mr Arbuckell
Ja: Cobham	Sam: Achinvole
Jo: Riddell	Jo: Wilson
Pat: Adair	Rob: Blackwood
Rob: Sinclar	Jo: Donaldson
Tho: Gowan	Jo: Johnston
Cha: Seton	Sam: Hallyday
Ja: Stuart	Gawin Granger

Min-rs.	Elders.
Rob: Craghead	
Jo: Malcom	Jo: Edgar
Mich: Bruce	Mr Arthur Kenedy
Robert Wirling	Capt Hu: Eccles

ANTRIM.

Fulk White	Hugh Logan
Staffd Pettigrew	Rob: Wilson
Will: Leech	Jo: Ross
Alexr Brown	Jo: Jameson
Jo: Abernethy	
Cha: Masterton	Hu: Owens
Will: Livingston	Conel Upton
Ja: Crichton	
Jo: Henderson	Jo: Parker
Tho: Shaw	Jo: Wyly
Tho: Wilson	Ja: Lorimer
Will: Taylor	Jo: Craig
Ja: Hud	Rob: Ker
Sam: Getty	Ja: Boyd
Ja: White	

TYRONE.

Hen: Crooks	Arch: Drenan
Baptist Boyd	
Tho: Kenedy	Capt Stephenson
Archd Boyd	Ja: Lawrence
Tho: Milikin	Ja: McCall
David Thomb	Ja: Hog
Jo: Kenedy	Jo: Fisher
Hu: Wallace	

ARDMAGH.

Arch: Macclane	Jo: Greer
Jo: Hutcheson	Mr Johnston
Moses Cherrie	Jo: Moodie
Alexr Colvill	Mr McGill
Jo: Wilson	Rob: Linton
Geo: Lang	Jo: Reid
Sam: Young	
Gilbt Kenedy	Jo: Woods
Ja: Fleming	
Rob: Rainey	Mr Ballentine
Ja: Johnston	Sam: Boyd
Will: McKay	Rob: Stephenson
Ja: Moor	Ja: Johnston

Min-rs.	Elders.
Rob: Gordon	Geo: Scot
Tho: Anderson	Jo: Page
Hu: Henry	
Pat: Simson	Capt M'Neil
Jo: Campbell	Jo: Porter

MONAGHAN.

Rob: Colthart	
Jo: McGachy	Alexr Maitland
Wm Cornwall	Hu: Ker
Umph: Thompson	Elias Rutherfurd
Alexr Fleming	
Ja: Teatt	
Sam. Dunlop	
Wm Hair	
Sam: McGachine	Alexr Lawson
Rob: Thomson	
David Sim	Hu: Dobbin
Patrick Plunket	Wm Fearns
Alexr Hamilton	

COLERANE.

Math: Clark	
Ja: Stuart	
Rob: Neilson	
Jo: Maior	Sam: Young
Ja: McGrigor	David Millar
Rob: Haltridg	Capt Galland
Tho: Stirling	Rob: McCane
Wm Boyd	
Rob: Higginbotham	
Hen: Neil	Tho: Eldar
Jo: Porter	

DERRY.

Tho: Harvy	
And: Ferguson	
Tho: Wynsly	Oliver Craford
Jo: Stirling	
Hans Stuart	
Jo: Ball	Ja: Porter

AND: CRAFORD.
JOHN McMAIGHAN, Elder.

Correspondents from Dublin Prēsbry :—

Mr James Arbuckell, Mr Richard Choppin, who (their Comission being read) were cheerfully receiv'd.

The former Moderator desir'd a new Moderator may be chosen, and gave a Leet of the following Brethren, that one of them may be chosen to moderate in this Synod:—Masters Andrew Ferguson, Sam: Sheñan, James Cobham, Stafford Pettigrew, James McGrigor, Sam: Henry, Thomas Keñedy, George Lang, Jo: McGachine, Ja: Bruce, Hen: Hamilton, Jo: Hutcheson, Rob: Craghead. These Brethren being heard, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd.

Mr Sam: Sheñan (the Roll being call'd) was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator. New Modr chosen.

Mr And: Craford was continu'd Clerk. Upon his desire, Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Nevin were appointed to assist him. Clerk continu'd.

The Synod ordered three Comittees—One for Overtures, One for Bills, One for Revising Sub-Synod Books, and that the several Prēsbries return to our Clerks the names of those Brethren whom they desire to be Members of the said Comittees.

All the Members of this Synod to meet here at eight of the clock to morrow morning, for Prayr to God, that we may have the conduct of His Gracious Spirit in managing the affairs to be laid before us. Meet for prayr.

Adjourn'd till ten of the clock to morrow morning. This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Die Mercury. Roll call'd, after prayr, Sess: 2a.

Sederunt qui supra.

The Meeting for Prayr was observ'd. Met for prayr.

According to appointment of last Sederunt, the Prēsbries return'd their Members of the aforesaid Comittees, vizt:—

For the Comittee of Overtures.

From

Convoy—Mr Samuel Henry, Mr James Cochren.

Down—Mr James Bruce, Mr John Mairs, Mr Thomas Orr, Mr Samuel Sheñan, Moderator.

Belfast—Mr John McBride, Mr John Malcom, Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr Robert Craghead.

Antrim—Mr Fulk White, Mr Stafford Pettigrew, Mr John Abernethy, Mr Charles Masterton.

Tyrone—Mr Henry Crooks, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Archbald Boyd, Mr Hugh Wallace.

Ardmagh—Mr Archibald Macclane, Mr Moses Cherrie, Mr Samuel Young, Mr Gilbert Keñedy.

Monahan—Mr William Cornwall, Mr John McGachine, Mr William Hair.

Colerane—Mr Stuart, Mr James McGrigor, Mr Robert Haltridg, Mr Robert Higginbotham.

Derry—Mr Andrew Ferguson, Mr John Stirling.

For the Comittee of Bills.

Convoy—Mr William Holmes, Mr Alexr McCracken.

Down—Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr John Gawdie, Mr James McAlpin, Mr James Reid, Mr Hugh Ramsey.

Belfast—Mr Alexr McCracken, Mr James Cobham, Mr Robert Sinclar, Mr John Riddell.

Antrim—Mr Thomas Shaw, Mr John Henderson, Mr Alexr Brown, Mr Will: Taylor, Junr.

Tyrone—Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr John Keñedy.

Ardmagh—Mr John Hutcheson, Mr George Lang, Mr Robert Rainey.

Monahan—Mr Alexr Fleming, Mr Umphrey Thompson, Mr Robert Thompson, Mr David Sim.

Colerane—Mr Math: Clark, Mr John Maior, Mr John Porter.

Derry—Mr Thomas Harvey, Senr, Mr Thomas Wynsly.

For the Revising Books.

Convoy—Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr John Holmes.

Down—Mr William Biggar, Mr William Smith, Mr Archbald Dickson, MrFrancis MonGomery.

Belfast—Mr Patrick Adair, Mr James Stuart, Mr Charles Seton, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Robert Wirling.

Antrim—Mr William Livingston, Mr James Crichton, Mr Thomas Wilson, Mr Samuel Getty, Mr James Hud.

Tyrone—Mr James White, Mr David Thomb, Mr Thomas Milikin.

Ardmagh—Mr Alexr Colvill, Mr William McKay, Mr James Moor, Mr John Wilson.

Monahan—Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr Alexr Hamilton, Mr Patrick Plunket, Mr Samuel Mc Gachine.

Colerane—Mr Thomas Stirling, Mr Henry Neil, Mr William Boyd.

Derry Mr Hans Stuart, Mr John Ball.

Dublin Brethren Correspondts.

Mrs James Arbuckell, Richard Choppin.

The Comittee of Overtures are to meet in the vestry of the New Meeting-House.

The Comittee of Bills are to meet in the vestry of the Old Meeting-House.

The Comittee for Revising the Sub-Synod Books are to meet in the New Meeting-House. The books to be deliver'd to that Comittee at next Sederunt.

The Rules for our orderly proceeding in the Synod were read and recomēnded.

Absents from the last Synod were now excus'd :— Absents fm last Synod excus'd.

Mr Thomas Wynsly, Mr Alexr McCracken Mr Willm Smith, Mr John Malcom, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Josias Cornwall, Mr Samuel MaGachine, Mr Alexr Hamilton.

Absents from this Synod were excus'd :— Absents fm this Synod excus'd.

Masters Samuel Hallyday, Seth Drumōnd, Francis Laird, David Ferlie, Robert Wilson, Thomas Eldar, Francis Iredell, William Taylor, Senr, John Thomb, James Maxwell, Charles Wallace, John Lee, Josias Cornwall, William Howston, William Gray, Thomas Harvy, junr, Robert Campbell, Robert Rutherford.

Absents from this Synod not excus'd :— Absents not excus'd.

Masters Charles Lynd, Mr John McClave, Mr James Woodside, Mr John Harvey.

Dead since last Synod :— Dead since last Synod.

Mr John Frieland, a Member of Belfast Presbytry, died March 12th, $17\frac{15}{16}$; Mr Thomas Keñedy, Senr, in Tyrone Presbytry, died February 9th, $17\frac{15}{16}$; Mr David Wilson died June 23d, 1715, Mr James Blair died Janry 21st, $17\frac{15}{16}$: these two last in the Presbytry of LondonDerry.

Ordain'd since last Synod by the Prēbries, vizt :— Ordain'd since last Synod.

By the Prēsbyry of Ardmagh—Mr John Campbell, Minister at Drumārah, Decemr 13, 1715.

By the Prēsbyry of Antrim—Mr James White, Colleague to his father, Mr Fulk White, at Brughshane, June 13th, 1716.

By the Prēsbry of Convoy—Mr James Cochren, at Dumfanachy, Septemr 20th, 1715; and Mr John Holmes, at Donegall, Septr 27th, 1715.

By the Prēsbry of Derry—Mr Thomas Harvy, junr, at Movill, July 26th, 1715.

Install'd since last Synod :— Install'd since last Synod.

By the Prēbry of Down—Mr Thomas Eldar, at Kilmore, June 14th, 1716.

By the Prēsbry of Belfast—Mr Robert Wirling, at Killead, May 16th, 1716.

Entred on Second Trials :— Entred on second Trials.

By the Prēsbry of Convoy—Mr Nehemiah Donnaldson.

By the Prēsbry of Tyrone—Mr Alexander Moor.

By the Prēsbry of Colerain—Mr James Cochren.

Licens'd by Prēbries since last Synod, and Entred on first Trials. Licens'd.

By the Prēsbry of Belfast—Mr Samuel Harper, Mr John Mont-Gomery.

By the Prēsbry of Tyrone—Mr Moses Clark, Mr Robert Stuart.

By the Prēsbry of Antrim—Mr Thomas Crichton.

By the Prēsbry of Monahan—Mr Samuel Irwin, Mr Nathaniel Glasgow.

By the Prēsbry of Ardmagh—Mr William Elliot, Mr William Smith, Mr Josias Clugston.

Entred on first Trials.

By the Prēsbry of Derry—Mr Samuel Ross, Mr Thomas Strawbridg, Mr Ninian Cochren entred on first Trials.

By the Prēsbry of Down—Mr Patrick Bruce, Mr Samuel Forgie entred on first Trials.

To be entred on First Trials.

By the Prēsbry of Antrim—Mr John Futt to be entred on first Trials.

By the Prēsbry of Monahan—Mr John Little to be entred on first Trials.

Quest: at Ordināon.

The Questions at Ordination not being transmitted, according to appointment, Mr James Bruce and Mr James Kirkpatrick are appointed to lay a draught of the same before this Synod, and Mr Abernethy is to assist 'em.

Censure Notorious Sinners.

Ordered, that the Act of this Synod, for publick censures of Notorious Sinners, be read in all Congregations, before Novbr next, except in those where it has been publisht before; and that each Prēsbry take an exact account of this in their Prēsbry, and record it in their book; and that each particular Synod take an account of the respective Prēbries within their Bound.

Extract of our Acts to be prepar'd.

Mr Kirkpatrick made report, that he did not call the Comittee appointed by last Synod, to prepare an Extract of our Acts of our Comon Concern, because noe Prēbry nor Brother sent him any papers or Records, as appointed; upon which the Synod excus'd him, and came to enquire in whose hands any of these papers are lodg'd. All the account they could get was as follows:—Mr James Bruce made report, he has some of Mr Hugh Wilson's Minuts of General Comittees, before the Revolution. Mr Stafford Pettigrew has some of Mr Robert Henry's Minuts of the same Comittees; Mr Thomas Keñedy has an old book of Tyrone Prēbry; Mr Baptist Boyd has some old Minuts in his hand; Mr Andrew Ferguson has some records.

Brn report they have Minuts of Gen: Comittees.

Preserve our Records.

Order'd, that the Comittee of Overtures bring in an Overture for the Recovery and Preservation of our Records.

The Brethren who went away from last Synod before the Fraternal Censures, without leave, were admonisht to be orderly for the future.

Monahan.

Monahan was supply'd according to appointment of last Synod.

Ballymony supply'd.

Bellymony was supply'd according to appointment of last Synod.

A Com: to inspect the state of the Fund.

The Synod appointed the following Brethren—Mr Thomas Nivin, Mr William Holmes, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Alexr Brown, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr John Wilson, Mr James Tate, Mr Robert Higginbotham, and Mr John Ball, as a Comittee to inspect into the state of the public Fund, and report their opinion.

All the Comittees to meet at 3 *a merid:*; the Interloqr at 5.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till 7 a clock *a merid:*

This Sederunt concluded wth prayr.

Sess: 3a.

Die Mercury horâ Septima post Merid:

After prayer, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

A Comission from the Congregation of LondonDerry (allow'd ℘ Comittee of Bills), presented to the Synod by Alderman Macky and Mr Joseph Morison, was read, who produc'd a Supplication, begging that a Comittee may be appointed to meet at Colerain, for planting that Congregation; and that each Prēbry be appointed to send such Probationers of theirs as shall be desir'd by their Prēsbry to supply them; and that a Minr be appointed out of each particular Synod to supply them a moneth. The Commissrs being heard, were remov'd. Derry supplicate for supplies and a Comittee.

It being mov'd that it's not usual to leave the time of any ordain'd Minrs supplying a vacant Congregation to the determination of any Prēsbry, and it appearing from their Supplication that that was expressly desir'd by 'em, the Commissrs being call'd in, said that they are pleas'd that this Synod fix the time for the Ministers supplying them. Order'd, that the Comittee of Overtures prepare an Overture upon this. Referr'd to the Com: of Overtures to overture on it.

A Supplication from Thomas Paxton, whose case was laid before former Synod, was read, and referr'd to the Interloqr. Tho: Paxton.

A Comission from the Congregation of Strabane to Mr Wilson and others, with a Supplication for a Synodical appointment of supplies to that Congregation, was, by Comittee of Bills, laid before this Synod, and was read. The Commissrs were askt the reason of this desire. They answer'd, that the place is of such consequence, that it requires particular regard. This affair was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures, who did overture that Straban be supply'd in the following Mañer, to which the Synod agreed:— Straban.

From Derry Prēsbry, by Mr Victor Ferguson, the moneth of August; from Down, by Mr Nathanel Orr, Septemr. Supplies.

From Ardmagh, by Mr James Fraser, October.

From Derry, by Mr Robert Cross, November.

From Colerain, by Mr James Thompson, December.

From Tyrone, by Mr William Dick, January.

From Monahan, by Mr William Wilson, February.

From Belfast, by Mr Thomas Cobham, March.

The Commrs being call'd in, were askt which way they will provide for their Suppliers. Answer'd, they were willing to allow to each of those Suppliers Ten shillings for each Lord's Day, and bear their Expences while supplying them. Convoy Prēsbry is to supply Straban (a Congregation under that Prēbrie's care) the rest of the time. Pay the Suppliers.

If any of the aforesaid Suppliers can't go, the respective Prēbries are to send others in their stead.

From Killrachts appear'd Robert Givan, whose Comission and Supplication (by allowance of the Comittee of Bills) was laid before this Synod. It being read, holds forth, that that people are in a hopefull way of being replanted with Gospel ordinances; therefore, desire Killrachts.

that the Synod would make them sure whether they are to depend on the Town-lands from Bellymony, or the money promist to them out of the Fund. The Comiss^{r} being remov'd, several members spake on the affair. This was referr'd till next Sederunt.

Monaghan.

From Monaghan Congregation appear'd Mr Willm McMurran and Mr David Potts, Commiss^{rs}, supplicating for a Synodical appointment of Supplies. The Comiss^{rs} earnestly desir'd that their petition may be granted, for the Synod's former regard to them that way has been a great mean of weakening Mr Darroch's Interest. The Comiss^{rs} being remov'd, the Supplication was consider'd, and referr'd to the Interloq^{r}, who did overture, to which the Synod agrêed; which Overture is as follows:—

Supplies.

From Ardmagh, by Mr William Elliot, July.

From the Presbytry of Down, Mr Robert Walker, in August.

From Belfast, by Mr Francis Ross, Septem^{r}.

From Antrim, by Mr William Murdogh, October.

From Tyrone, by Mr Robert Stuart, Novemb^{r}.

From Colerain, by Mr James Thompson, March.

From Convoy, by Mr William Blair, Aprile.

From Derry, by Mr Isaac Taylor, May.

Monahan Prēsbry to supply the rest of the time.

If any of these Suppliers fail, the Prēsbry to which such belong shall send in room thereof.

Pay the suppliers.

That Congregation is to give every of the Suppliers Ten shill: each Lord's Day while supplying, and bear their Charges.

The Comittee for Revising Books made report that they approve the Synod book of Ardmagh, only, it's remarkt, that they had not observ'd fraternal Censures at the close of their last Synod. They were enjoyn'd to observe these Censures for the future. Order'd, that the approbation of the book be inserted in the book.

Synod-Books Revis'd and approv'd.

The said Comittee also report that they approve the Synod book of Belfast. Order'd to insert the approbation in the Book of that Synod. That Comittee likewise report that they have revis'd the Synod book of Derry, and approve the same. Order'd, that the approbation be inserted in the book.

Adjourn'd till 10 a clock to morrow morning. This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Sess: 4^{a}.

Die jovis horâ decima ante Merid:

After prayer, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Address the King.

A Motion being made that this is a proper season to address His Matie upon the success of his Arms in suppressing the late Rebellion, it was agreed to, *nem: contradic:;* and that Mr James Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Choppin and Con^{el} Upton, do prepare the said Address.

Adjourn'd till 5 *a merid:* All the Comittees are to meet at 3. This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Die jovis horâ 5^a a merid: Sess: 5^a.

After pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

From Glenavy Congregation appear'd (℞ Com: of Bills) Mr John Wilson and others, Comissionate to prosecute their appeal from the Sentence of the Prēsbry of Belfast. Then the Minut of that Prēsbry, on which the Appeal was founded, was read. Then the Appeal, and the reasons supporting the same, with the Prēsbrie's answers thereunto, were read alternately. The Commiss^rs were askt if they have to add. They said, when they made Enquiry among the people what they can make their Minister's Maintenance, they can only make Twenty two pound. Then the Prēsbry, with the Correspondents, who, by appointment of the Gen: Synod, joyn'd with the Prēbry in that Sentence fm which the aforesaid Appeal was made, spake in vindication of the Sentence, and held forth that they had noe other way to put an end to that affair than what is held forth in their Sentence. The Comm^rs desir'd that a Representation of the state of their Congregāon, formerly giv'n in, may be read; wch was accordingly read. The Commiss.^rs being fully heard, were remov'd. Several members having spoken their mind, the Synod put this Question—Whether there was just cause for the Congregāon of Glenavy to appeal from the aforesaid Sentence of Belfast Prēbry with Correspond^ts? It was carry'd, by a great Majority, in the Negative. Parties being call'd, the Sentence of the Synod was intimated to 'em.

Glenavy

had noe just cause to appeal fm the sentence of Belfast Prēbry, with Correspond^ts.

Then John Wilson, with others, produc'd a Comission from Kilmakevat, a part of the Congregāon of Glenavy. The Com^rs desir'd liberty to represent their Grievances to this Synod, wch was granted. They alleag'd that Glenavy is a broken Congregation; that Kilmakevat was cast into 'em; therefore, it's desir'd that the people of Kilmakevat be taken care of, and provided for. The Comiss^rs being remov'd, the case being consider'd, it was agreed to recomend them to the care of Belfast Presbytry.

Kilmakevat to be provided for by Belf^t Prēbry.

Killrachts—That affair was resum'd. After reasoning, it was agreed to leave that affair to the Prēbry of Rout, and do enjoyn the people of Bellymony to give their positive answer to their Prēbry of Rout, which is to meet on the second Tuesday of July, at Bellmony, if they design to continue a Collegiate Charge, or are willing to part with the Town-lands disannext by the Synod of Derry; and, if the answer of Ballymony be that they will be a Collegiate Charge, in that case the Synod assures the people of Killrachts that they may depend on us for the five pounds promist to them by last Synod, the said money to be paid from the time of their settlement. But, if the people of Ballymony are only to have one Minister, this Synod enjoyns the said Towns so disannext to joyn with the people of Killrachts.

Killrachts. The Synod's Resolution.

A Petition of Mr Robert Weir, holding out his great loss by fire, pray'd that some Relief may be giv'n to him, was read. He being

Charity to Robert Weir.

remov'd, a good Character was giv'n of that Gen^{t}man. Agreed to recom̄end him to the several Prēsbries of this Synod, and appoint them that by the midle of Augt next they all have their several Collections, and lodge it with the following Members, that he may know where to call for it:—For Down, Mr Tho: Orr; for Belfast, Mr Kirkpatrick; for Antrim, Mr Abernethy; for Rout, Mr Higginbotham; for Monahan, Mr Plunket; for Ardmagh, Mr Rainey; for Convoy, Mr Francis Laird; for Derry, M^{r} Jo: Harvy; for Tyrone, Mr Ja^{s} Maxwell.

Cha: to Wm Thompson.

A Petition of William Thompson, for Charity, was read. The Petitioner was recom̄ended to the Synod of Derry. The following Overture, from the Com̄ittee of Overtures, about Derry being laid before us, was approv'd, *nem: contradic:*—We overture that Mr Michael Bruce, Mr James Fleming, Mr Francis Laird, and Mr William Hair, Ministers, be appointed to supply the Congregation of Derry one moneth each, and that Mr Victor Ferguson, Mr James Orr, Mr Samuel Harper, Mr Josias Clugston, Probationers, do supply the said congregāon one moneth each in the following order, vizt:—Mr Harper in July; Mr Fleming, in Aug^{t}; Mr Bruce, in September; Mr Orr, in October; Mr Laird, in Nōv^{br}; Mr Ferguson, in Decem^{r}; Mr Clugston, in Jañ^{ry}; Mr Hair, in Feb^{ry}.

Supplies to L: derry.

Not grant the desir'd Com̄ittee

After which, the Question was put—Whether this Synod will appoint such a Com̄ittee as the Com̄iss^{rs} of Derry do desire? It was carry'd in the Negative.

The Com̄iss^{rs} of Derry being call'd in, and the Minut was read to 'em. They mov'd, since they could not get a Com̄ittee, that a Synod *pro re natâ* may be allow'd to them, if they should have occasion for it; and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be administred to 'em. We voted—Call a Synod as they desire, or not? and it carry'd, Not. But we allow that whatever Supplyer is with 'em, when their Prēbry thinks fitt to administer the Sacrament, do joyn in that solemn work.

The Supplyer to assist the Supper of the Lord is administred there.

Adjourn'd till 3 *a merid:* The com̄ittees to meet at 8 to mor: morning, and Interloq^{r} at 9.

Sess: 6^{a}.

Die veneris horâ 3^{a} *post merid:*

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mrs Gilchrist.

Upon a Complaint that the money due to Mrs Gilchrist, a Minister's widow, is not paid, an acco^{t} of the payments of the several Prēbries was considered, by which account it appears that there is a very great deficiency. Ordered, that the Clerk of each Prēbry bring in an account of their Prēbrie's arrear to mor: morning.

The Church of Leyden calls Mr Gowan.

A Letter from the English Church of Leyden, in Holland, directed to the Moderator of this Synod, earnestly desiring the recom̄endation of their unanimous Call to Mr Thomas Gowan, was read. Then the Prēsbry of Belfast (whereof Mr Gowan is a member) told the Synod they had a letter fm̄ that Church, with the Call to their Brother Gowan, laid before them, about which affair they desir'd this Synod's advice. Ordered, that the Call bee read. Mr Robert Rainey, Minister in Newry,

produc'd his Comission from that Church to agent in that affair; which being read, he offer'd reasons for the Call. The Commiss^r being remov'd, several Members gave their opinion, after which this Question was put —Whether we will recomend the Call of the English Church of Leyden to Mr Gowan, or not? It was carry'd, Recomend. Then the Mod^r tendred the Call to Mr Gowan, who earnestly prest that the Call may be lodg'd with the Clerk of Belfast Prēsbry, and he would equally have it under his consideration, as if it were in his hands. The Call was lodg'd with the Clerk of that Prēsbry.

That affair to be determin'd by the Prēbry of Belfast wth Correspond^ts.

Agreed to remit this whole affair to the Prēbry of Belfast, with the following Correspond^ts:—From Down, Mr Thomas Orr, Mr William Biggar, Mr Thomas Nevin; from Antrim, Mr John Abernethy, Mr Livingston, Mr Shaw; from Ardmagh, Mr Alex^r Colvill, Mr Lang, Mr Young: any three of which number is sufficient for a Quorum. These Correspond^ts are to meet with the Prēbry of Belfast on Wednesday come fortnight, being the eleventh day of July next ensueing, Such Correspond^ts who do not attend are to be publickly censur'd at next Synod.

Mr Abernethy is appointed to write an answer from this Synod to the English Church of Leyden.

A Letter from the Presbytry of Dublin about a Toleration, and the Terms thereof.

The Moderator acquainted this Synod that the Ministers in an Interloq^r had read and consider'd a letter directed to them, from the Prēsbry of Dublin, about an affair of very great Importance; and that they had come to several Resolutions about it, with very great Harmony and Brotherly Love, after long debates; and that, for preserving the Peace and promoting the Interest of this Church the more effectually, they desir'd the opinion of this Synod concerning the Resolutions aforesaid. And, accordingly, the Minuts and Resolutions of said Interloq^r were read, debated, and after mature deliberation, the Question being put severally to each of 'em, was approv'd in open Synod, and are as follows:—

A Letter from the Prēsbry of Dublin, directed to us, was read, containing their desire (supported by several weighty and convincing reasons) that we might concert with them, and with our Brethren in the South of Ireland, the Terms upon wch we might accept of and move for a Toleration, at such a juncture as should be afterwards agreed on to be the most favourable and convenient for the same.

Whereupon, we considering that this matter has been long under agitation already, and that it's too difficult an undertaking to be manag'd by any Comittee, and being now assembled, by the Good Hand of our God upon us, in a greater number than any that has ever appear'd at any former Synod, have agreed to consider that important affair at this time.

And finding that a General Meeting of Ministers aud Gentlemen, held at Antrim, Nōb^r 10th, 1714, had made some considerable progress in that matter, we agree that the Resolutions of said Meeting be now review'd; and, accordingly, the first of these Resolutions, which concern the Terms of a Toleration, was read, which is in these words, vizt:—

Resolv'd, that the first thing we shall propose, and insist upon, as

the Terms on which we will accept of a Toleration, shall be upon our subscribing the Westm^r Confession of Faith.

This Interloq^r do unanimously approve of and adhere to the above Resolution.

The next Resolution of said Meeting at Antrim, relative to the Terms of a Toleration, was read, wherein mention is made of a certain Formula therein contain'd as the Terms of a Toleration, in case the former Terms, vizt, subscribing our Confession of Faith, cannot be obtain'd.

During our debates upon this subject, diverse questions were propos'd; but for Enlightning our judgments, and bringing us to a desireable unanimity in the decision of said Questions, an amendment was mov'd to be made to the said Formula; and it was agreed that the Formula, so amended, should be the subject of all our debates upon this Head.

The said Formula, so amended, is as follows :—

The Formula.

Formula.

I Profess Faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the true God, and in God the Holy Ghost; and that these Three are One God, the Same in Substance, Equal in Power and Glory. I believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old & New Testament were giv'n by Divine Inspiration, and that they are a Perfect Rule of Christian Faith and Practice; and, pursuant to this Belief, I agree to all the Doctrines comon to the Protestant Churches at home and abroad, contain'd in their and our Public Confessions of Faith.

It was agreed by us all unanimously, as a Preliminary to all the Ensueing Debates, and as a Point not controverted among us, that all the Propositions contain'd in the above Formula are Divine Truths.

Questions propos'd—1.

After much debate, the First Question that was propos'd was occasion'd by a scruple, humbly mov'd by some Brethren, namely, that should we first propose (as we have all resolv'd to do) the Confession of Faith as the Terms of a Toleration, and should we afterwards, upon the Legislature's refusing it, accept of, or propose the above Formula, or any other Terms, as the condition of a Toleration, that this would be a receding from our Confession of Faith: on the other hand, it was observ'd by others that this Formula was in substance the same with our Confession of Faith, and a Compendious Abridgment of diverse of the most fundamental Articles of it; and that the Tolerating of us, upon our Subscription to it, would give the public Sanction of Authority to our standing by and preaching up all our known Principles, contain'd in our Confession of Faith; and diverse Arguments being offer'd on both sides, it was agreed that, before we should put the vote, it should be propos'd—

That if the aforesaid scruple did still remain with any Brother, he should declare it, in order to his receiving further satisfaction; upon which, to our great comfort, some did declare with Thankfulness to God that their scruple was remov'd by the clear and convincing

reasoning of the Brethren. And there remaining one Brother with whom the said scruple did yet seem to be of weight, after much reasoning for his satisfaction, the following Question was put, vizt:—Whether our accepting a Toleration upon the above Formula as the Terms and Condition thereof, be, or can be, justly construed a relinquishing the Confession of Faith as the Confession of our Faith? And it was carry'd in the Negative, with only one dissenting voice.

The next Question that was put was this, vizt:—Is it Lawfull to subscribe the above Formula, if enjoyn'd by Lawfull Authority as the Condition of a Toleration? And it was carry'd in the Affirmative, *nem: contradic:* 2.

The next Question that was propos'd was this, vizt:—After our useing all proper endeavours for obtaining a Toleration upon our subscribing the Confession of Faith, and after its appearing that such an attempt is hopeless, shall we ask a Toleration upon the above Formula, at such a season as shall be agreed upon to be conveinent by comon concert between Ministers and Gen^{t}men in the North, and Ministers and Gen^{t}men in the South of Ireland, to meet together for that purpose in a Comittee to be nominated afterwards, or not? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

There being present with us diverse worthy Gen^{t}men of good understanding, they were consulted upon these Heads, and entirely approv'd of our Resolutions, without one dissenting voice among them.

There being three Questions about the Formula voted both in Interloq^{r} and open Synod, the Synod appoints, not only their opinion, but their Harmony upon these Heads to be entred in their Records.

From the Resolution of the first question—about the Formula not being a relinquishing of our Confession of Faith—there was but one dissenting voice in the Synod, being the same who dissented in the Interloq^{r}.

From the Resolution of the second Question—about the Lawfulness of subscribing the Formula—there was only one dissenting voice in the Synod.

From the Resolution of the Third Question—about asking a Toleration upon the Formula—there were five dissenting voices, vizt:—Three Ministers and two Elders, aud two voted *non liquet*, vizt:—One Minister and one Elder.

From DunGennan Mr John Brown supplicated for supplies. The case being duely considered, the petition was granted. The supplies are as follows:— DunGenan.

From Down Prēsbry, by Mr James Hamilton, July. Supplies.

From Ardmagh, by Mr James Fraser, August.

From Belfast, by Mr John MontGomery, Septem^{r}.

From Antrim, by Mr John Ritchie, October.

From Monahan, by Mr Samuel Irwin, Novem^{r}.

From Convoy, by Mr Nath^{el} Cochren, February.

From Colerain, by Mr Andrew Dean, March.

From Derry, by Mr Major Murray, Aprile.

Pay the Suppliers.

The Prēsbry of Tyrone to supply the rest of the time. If any of these supplies fail, the respective Prēbries are to send in their room. That congregation is to pay each supplyer ten shill: for every Lord's Day, and bear their Charges while supplying 'em.

A Represent: fm Ardm: Prēbry.

A Representation from the Prēbry of Ardmagh concerning the state of Maherawly was allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, and read in open Synod.

Sea-Patrick.

A Supplication from a part of the Parish of SeaPatrick, ℘ Samuel Herron, with others, holding forth that they are insufficient to maintain a Min^r, and complaining that unfair methods have been us'd in taking up the Subscriptions, and praying to be exempted from joyning with the design'd Erection, was read.

Sea-Patrick.

A Comission and Supplication from another part of SeaPatrick praying to be continu'd an Erection, according to the determination of the Prēsbry, with Correspondents; also a paper of Reasons to enforce the said Supplication.

Girvachy.

A Comission and Supplication from Girvachy, by Hugh McGill, with others, praying that the sentence of the Prēbry with Correspond^ts may be confirm'd, which Supplication was enforc'd by severall reasons. Likewise a paper setting forth the state of the people, and reasons for their Supplication, were read.

Drumarah.

Likewise a petition from Drumara, by Mr Corbet, praying that this Synod may enjoyn the Townlands annext to 'em by the General Synod to obey the Synod's sentence, was read.

A Supplication from Maherawly, praying not to be divided, but to be left to themselvs, was read. All parties being heard, were remov'd.

It was mov'd that the Representation of the Prēbry of Ardmagh may be read over again; then the affair was referr'd till next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till Munday at two of the Clock in the afternoon.

Sess: 7^a.

Die Lunæ horâ 2^a post Merid: After pray^r,

Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Time and place of next Synod.

We came to vote the time and place of next Synod—Antrim, Belfast, and Derry being put on the Leet. It carry'd that Belfast shall be the place of next Synod, on the Third Tuesday of June. Sermon to begin at 5 *a merid:*

Maherawly. Sea-Patrick. Girvachy. Drumarah.

The affair of Maherawly, Girvachy, Sea-Patrick, and Drumarah being resum'd, Order'd that all papers relating to the matter in debate be again read in the former order. The several parties were fully heard; particularly the people of Maherawly urg'd that when there was a Comittee of the Prēbry of Ardmagh with 'em last week, before whom it was evident that Sea-Patrick was divided among themselvs,

Mr Colvill acknowledg'd that Girvachy was unanimous, but Sea-Patrick seem'd to be much divided. Drumarah Comissrs pleaded that the Towns disannext from Girvachy might be order'd to joyn 'em, for they had not contributed any thing to their Comon Expence, and pray'd that they may be appointed to pay up the arrears, since the time of their being first joyn'd to 'em. And now, all parties being remov'd, the Synod at last came to this Resolution, to appoint the Prēbry of Ardmagh to meet after the rising of this Sederunt, with the following members, to bring in an Overture upon this whole affair. In the mean time we agree that Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr Mairs, Mr Abernethy do go out and discourse with the several parties.

Every Prēbry read the Synod Minuts after their first Sedert.

The Act appointing the Prēbries to read the Synod Minuts after their first Sederunt, and take Extracts out of them which may relate to 'emselv's, all the Prēbries were enquir'd if they obey'd the said Act. It appears that neither Tyrone, Ardmagh, nor Monahan did obey it: there are none of Derry Prēbry present. It is now enjoyn'd that the Prēbries who have not observ'd the Act, be more careful for the future, this Act to be of standing Obligation, and to be observ'd by every Prēbry after every Synod.

Quest: at Ordination not ready.

Mr Kirkpatrick made report that the Comittee appointed had not met to prepare the Questions at Ordination, but engag'd to have them ready by the time the Clerk transmits the Minuts, wch Questions are to be consider'd by every Prēbry, and their judgment thereupon brought to next Synod.

Mr William Taylor obtain'd leave to go home.

The Clerk is appointed to transmit the Copy of the Minuts of this Synod to the member of Derry Prēsbry that lies nearest to him.

Convoy Prēbry propose, with some members of adjacent Prēbries, to be made two Prēsbries.

A Supplication from several members of the Prēsbry of Convoy was read, wherein it's desir'd that that Prēbry may be divided into two Prēbries, with some members of the adjacent Prēbries, and a letter from Mr Samuel Hallyday, to that very purpose, was read; also, a letter from Mr James Maxwel, of Omagh, declaring his readiness to comply with what is propos'd, was read. Mr Samuel Dunlop, of Athlone, and others, moving for an Erection of another Prēbry, to be made off Monaghan. Now, to ripen this matter, the Synod appoints the following members as a Comittee, to bring in an Overture upon this affair, vizt:—Mr Lang, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Will: Livingston, and Mr John McGill, Capt Galland; to meet to morrow morning at Seven a clock, and bring in an Overture upon it; which is to be transmitted to the several Prēbries. This Comittee is to meet in the vestry of the old Meeting House.

The Address to the King to be brought in to morrow morning.

Adjourn'd till Ten a clock to mor: morning.

This Sedert concluded with prayr.

Sess: 8va.

Sess 8va. *Die Martis horâ decima ante merid:*

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

A Case concerning Mr Darroch

The Prēsbry of Monaghan having represented to us that Mr Robert Darroch, depos'd by the Synod, continues obstinate, and takes upon

him to preach and baptize, and is of an immoral, scandalous life, for which crimes he deserves the highest Censures of the Church, it is our opinion that the Prēsbry of Monahan take such prudent methods as may ripen a process in order to the highest Censure of the Church, to be inflicted on him by the next General Synod, if his Repentance prevent it not; and that they shall lay this matter before the Synod of Monahan.

A Case being propos'd—whether the administration of Baptism perform'd by the said Mr Darroch be valid, and whether Children so baptiz'd should be baptiz'd by Min^rs^. This being a matter of Intricacy and Importance, we leave it to the respective Prēbries within our bounds to think maturely upon it; and that it shall remain undecided till next Gen: Synod; and that each Prēbry draw their sense of it in writing, with the reasons of their Opinion, to next Synod. In the mean time this Synod judges that such Parents who present their Children for Baptism to Mr Darroch shall be censur'd as guilty of great offense.

When a Supplyer can't go his Prēbry to send one in his stead.

Mr James Fleming made Complaint that such is his indisposition, that he fears he will not be able to go to Derry. Upon which it was agreed that, if the Brother can't go to Derry, the Prēbry of Ardmagh (of which he is a member) shall send one in his stead. The same order is to take place in case any appointed to supply cannot go.

What Congregāons are to have Synod Supplies.

Diverse Brethren observing that a great number of Congregations had put in for Synodical Supplies at this time, from which they believ'd great inconveniency would follow to several Congregāons if such a practice be too much encourag'd; and finding it very difficult to adjust this matter—what places such Supplies should be granted to—we, therefore, recomend it to every Prēsbry to bring in some Overtures upon that Head, ag^t^ next Synod.

Charity.

A Petition from Elizabeth Wilson, of IslemaGie, for Charity, was read. The Petitioner is recomended to the Synod of Belfast.

Gather and preserve our Records, and Extract out of them what is of general use.

An Overture, from the Comittee of Overtures, for making the Act of the last Synod more effectual for gathring and preserving our Records, and making extracts out of them—that all papers in the hands of any member of this Synod, or in the hands of any Executors of any old Ministers, be forthwith sent to Mr James Kirkpatrick; and that he make such Extracts out of them as are of general use; and that he have power to call the Comittee, appointed for that purpose by last Synod, to assist him by revising the said Extracts, was read, and unanimously agreed to by this Synod.

The Brethren who were appointed to discourse with the Comiss^rs^ of Maherawly, SeaPatrick, and Girvachy, made report that the affair is very intricate, and that they can't bring the parties to an agreement; that Girvachy and SeaPatrick would acquiesce in the sentence of the Prēsbry of Ardmagh dividing the Congregation into two, but Maherawly opposes it; that Sea-Patrick and Maherawly would agree to make up one Congregation, and leave Girvachy to joyn with such places as should be most convenient for them, but that Girvachy expresses an utter aversion from this Overture. After much reasoning, this affair was referr'd till next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till 5 *a merid:* This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Die Martis horâ quinta a merid: Sess: 9a.

After prayer, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

The affair of Maherawly, SeaPatrick and Girvachy was resum'd, and the report of the Brethren who were appointed to converse with Maherawly &c:, being consider'd, all parties were fully heard and remov'd. After much Reasoning, this Question was put—Whether this Synod shall determine this affair, or refer it to a Comittee with full power finally to determine the same? It was carry'd for a Comittee, the members of which Comittee are Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr Michael Bruce, Mr Charles Seton, Ministers; Thomas Jameson and Daniel Kinly, Elders from the Presbytry of Belfast: Mr Alexr Brown, Mr John Abernethy, Mr William Liviston, Ministers; John Birnie, Josias Ennis, Elders from the Prēbry of Antrim: Mr William Smith, Mr Hugh Ramsey, Mr Thomas Nevin, Ministers; John M'Gee, James Steel, Elders from the Prēbry of Down: Mr Thomas Mulligan, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr John Keñedy, Ministers; Capt Stephenson, John Fisher, Elders from the Prēbry of Tyrone: Mr Moses Cherrie, Mr Alexr Colvill, Mr Robert Rainey, Ministers; Mr Ja: Johnston, James Black, Elders from the Prēbry of Ardmagh: Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Alexr Fleming, Mr Patrick Plunket, Ministers; Mr Robt Harris, Thomas Johnston, Elders from the Prēsbry of Monahan. The Quorum is fifteen, whereof Ten to be Ministers. The said Comittee is to meet at Dromore on the second Tuesday of August, at five of the Clock *post merid:* If any of these Brethren be hindred from attending, the Prēsbries have power to send others in room thereof. Maherawly, &c. A Comittee to determine that affair.

A Motion being made that a part of SeaPatrick be adjoyn'd to DonoghClony, and a part of DonoghClony be adjoyn'd to Lurgan—

Order'd, that the Congregations of DonoghClony and Lurgan be appris'd of this, and that Bellyrony and Loghbricklan be also advertis'd of this, it being probable they may be concern'd in what shall be laid before that Comittee.

Order'd, that the two Towns and a half from Dromore, and five Towns from Girvachy or Maherawly, formerly añext to Drumarah, be oblig'd, from the time of their annexation, to contribute to all the Charges of Drumara, in their Minister's stipend and building their Meeting House. Drumarah.

A Letter from the Prēsbry of Dublin, earnestly pressing us to joyn with them in the use of all proper means for the conversion of the Irish Papists, having been read on Fryday last, was now, according to order, read again, and a Minut of that Prēsbry relative to the said affair was also read. Upon which we unanimously resolv'd to encourag this excellent design to the utmost of our power; and, as a proper expedient for promoting it— A Letter fm Dublin, proposing, in conjunction with this Synod, means for converting the Irish.

We first of all enquir'd who amongst us can preach in Irish, and who amongst us have so much knowledg of that Language as might

What Min^{rs} & Probationers can speak and read Irish. Some can preach in y^{t} Language.

be qualify'd in a short time, by some pains, for doing it, and we find the acco^{t} of the whole to stand as follows:—Mr Robert Higinbottam, Min^{r} in Colerane, can speak and read Irish, but never preacht in that language; Mr Saml Dunlop, Min^{r} in Latterkenny, is in the same circumstances; Mr Patrick Plunket at ScarnaGiroch, Mr John Wilson at Carlinford, Mr Humphry Thompson of Bellybea, nigh to Monahan, Mr Charles Lyle, nigh to Straban, Mr Arch^{d} Boyd at Mahera, Mr Robert Thompson of Belturbet, Min^{rs}, and Mr Robert Stuart in Tyrone Prēbry, Mr Samuel Irwin in Monahan Prēbry, Probationers, and Mr Thomas Strawbridg, upon his first Tryals in Derry Prēsbry, can all speak Irish; and it's believ'd that most of 'em in less than twelve moneths, if diligent, may be qualify'd for preaching in Irish. Mr Archbald Macclane at Market Hill, Mr James McGrigor at Awghadowy, Mr Patrick Simpson at Dundalk, Min^{rs}, have oft preacht in Irish.

Such of these Brethren and Candidats as can't at present preach in Irish are enjoyn'd forthwith to use all proper means, with due diligence, for qualifying them for it.

A Com: of nine Br^{n} to concert wth the Prēsbry of Dublin the best measures for carrying on such a glorious design.

Order'd, that a Cōmittee of nine Brethren be appointed to concert with our Br^{n} in Dublin the measures that may be judg'd most effectual for encouraging this Christian design of the Conversion of the Irish. The Members are Mr Samuel Dunlop of Latterkenny, Mr Hugh Ramsey of Drumca, Mr Tho: Gowan of Drumbo, Mr Thomas Shaw of Ahoghle, Mr Thomas Keñedy of Bellyclug, Mr Robert Rainey of Newry, Mr Umphry Thompson of Bellybea, Mr Will: Boyd of Maccasquy, Mr John Stirling of Bellykelly, five whereof to be a Quorum. This Cōmittee is to meet at Newry, when any of the Min^{rs} of Dublin meet with 'em, and at DunGeñan when they meet by themselvs. They are to be call'd by the Prēbry of Dublin in any case, wherein the Cōmiss^{rs} of the said Prēsbry are to meet with them, or when the said Prēbry has any matter of moment to cōmunicate to them by letters for their advice; and it shall be in the power, likewise, of any one Prēsbry in the North to call the said Cōmittee, upon any Emergent relating to the affair cōmitted to 'em which they shall judge necessary to lay before 'em. Provided that the Prēbry in the North so calling the said Cōmittee shall acquaint the Prēsbry of Dublin with it, and the occasion of it, that they may have an opportunity of giving them advice in so glorious a Cōmon Cause.

Two Societies Erected.

Order'd, that the Br^{n} and Candidats enjoyn'd to Improve themselvs in the Irish Language, be for that purpose erected into two Societies. The Members of the first Society are M^{r} M'Grigor, Mr Hickenbottam, Mr Arch^{d} Boyd, Mr Dunlop, Mr Lynd, Mr StrawBridg, who are to meet at DunGivan on the second Wednesday of Augt next, at which time and place M^{r} McGrigor is to preach a sermon in Irish; the members of the second Society are Mr Macclane, Mr Simson, Mr Wilson, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Robert Thompson, Mr Moses Cherrie, Mr Plunket, Mr Stuart, Mr Irwin, who are to meet at Ardmagh, on the third Wednesday of August, at wch time and place Mr Macclane is to preach a sermon in Irish. These Societies are to correspond one with another, and to appoint such times and places for their subsequent meetings as they shall judge most convenient.

Provided always that they be oblig'd to meet at least once in two moneths, untill the next Gen^ll Synod.

Ordered, that Mr Patrick Simson preach in Dublin in the Irish Language for the space of three moneths, he returning every moneth to supply his own Congregation one Lord's day, and the Prēsbry of Ardmagh are to supply Dundalk every Lord's day during his absence. Mr Simson preach in Irish in the City of Dublin.

Order'd, that a letter be writ to the Provincial Synod of ArGile, desiring them to send us with all convenient speed a Probationer qualify'd for preaching in Irish; and that they would please to appoint a second Probationer to come afterwards, upon advertisement from the Comittee appointed for managing this affair; and that Mr Alex^r Sinclar and Capt Malcom M'Neil prepare a draught of the said letter. Write to the Synod of ArGile.

Ordered, for bearing the Charges of such a Probationer in his Passage to this Kingdom, and untill the said Comittee, in concert with our Brethren in Dublin, shall make further provision for him, that each Prēbry advances to him one Guinea, and the following Br^n promise to pay each of them a Guinea for their respective Prēbries, viz:, Mr Sam^ll Dunlop of Latterkenny for Convoy, Mr Thomas Nevin for Down, Mr Gowan for Belfast, Mr Abernethy for Antrim, Mr Higginbottam for Rout, Mr Ferguson for Derry, Mr Lang for Ardmagh, Mr John Keñedy for Tyrone, Mr Sam: Dunlop of Athlone for Monaghan. Defray the Probationer's charg in coming to this Kingdom, &c.

Order'd, that M^r McGrigor, Mr Higinbotham and Mr Macclane do preach in Irish in such places as any Prēsbry shall judge most necessary—the said Prēsbry, so employing any of 'em, being oblig'd to give 'em twenty shill: per week during their service, and their own Prēsbry is to supply their Congregations every Lord's day during their absence. Min^rs to preach in Irish where desir'd.

Order'd, that a Charity School be set up at Dundalk for teaching to read Irish, and that each of our Prēbries give twenty shill^s towards it. Charity School.

Order'd, that the Catechism in Irish, with a little short Irish Gram̄er of a leaf or two subjoyn'd to it, be printed in Dublin; that Mr Patrick Simpson oversee the Presse; and that each Min^r within this Synod be oblig'd to take and pay for Thirty Copies of the same, which will make an Impression for above Three Thousand Copies subscrib'd for on our part. Print the Catechism in Irish.

Order'd, that the respective Prēbries, upon their receit of the Minuts, collect the arrears of what they owe to Mrs Gilchrist, and send it to Mr Leech. Mrs Gilchrist.

An Overture from the Comittee of Overtures was read and approv'd, and is as follows:—

Overtur'd, that a Scheme of Discipline be prepar'd for the use of this Church, wherein assistance shall be taken fm̄ our known Rules already made, and the Acts of the Primitive and best Reform'd Churches, in so far as they agree with our circumstances; which Scheme is to be revis'd, amended, alter'd, approv'd, or disapprov'd by the Ensueing Gen: Synod, as they shall see fitt. A Comittee was appointed to prepare the same, consisting of the following members:— Prepare a Scheme of Discipline for the use of this Church.

Mr Brown, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Colvill, Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Ja: Fleming. These Brn are to meet at Belfast on the first Munday of August next, and the first Munday of each moneth till their work be finisht; and that they shall be exempted from all Presbrāll appointments while employ'd about the said work.

Adjourn'd till 8 a clock to mor: morning.

This Sederunt concluded wth pray^r.

Sess: 10a.

Die Mercury horâ Octava ante merid:

After Pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra.*

Mr Sam: Smith, Mr John Kyle, of Belfast, Mr Dunlop, of Athlone, their charge in defending their marriage to be refunded.

A Petition of Mr Samll Smith, Junr, and John Kyle, of Belfast, setting forth that they have been at great charge in maintaining a suit in defense of their marriag, regularly solomniz'd according to our Principles, and that they had a promise from this Synod for having their Expenses defray'd, and praying for the benefit of the said Promise. Upon which occasion the Great Sufferings and Expenses of Mr Samuel Dunlop, of Athlone, for the same cause, and diverse other Instances of the Sufferings of others were represented; and the Synod came to this Question—Whether we shall make a computation of the Expenses that ought to be refunded to those persons and others in like circumstances, and applot the same on our respective Prēbries, to be paid by 'em in just proportions, as our other Charges are paid, or not? which was carry'd in the affirmative, *nem: contradic:*

We agree that Fifty pound be paid to Mr Samll Dunlop, of Athlone, and forty pound to Mr Sam: Smith and Jon Kyle.

Mr Kirkpatrick wrot the appointed letter in answer to the Letters from Dublin Prēsbry; which was read and approv'd.

The Address to the King was prepar'd by the appointed Comittee, and laid before the Synod, wch, being read Paragraph by Paragraph, with amendments, was approv'd, and is as follows:—

Address to the King

To the King's most Excellt Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers and Gentmen, in behalf of themselvs and the rest of their Persuasion in the North of Ireland.

May it please your Matie.

As we have joyn'd with our Loyal Fellow-subjects in sincere ThanksGivings to Almighty God for the suppression of the late unnatural Rebellion in Great-Britain, we beg leave to congratulate yor Matie on that happy occasion.

Heav'n saw and interpos'd in behalf of yor Matie's just Title to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, with which the Precious Interests of Religion and our Civil Liberties are inseparably united.

The Hellish Conspiracy, now happily disappointed, is aggravated with the most Horrid Perjury and base Ingratitude, being form'd in

Defiance of the most Solemn Tyes which can bind the Consciences of men, against a Prince, the Royal Wisdom and Clemency, as well as justice of whose administration, has merited for him the Glorious Character of the Comon Father of His People.

When we consider what the consequences would have been of this Rebellion, had it been successfull, the most dismal scenes of Confusion and Horrour open themselvs to our view; not only these Kingdoms must have been made a Field of Bloud, or (which is worse) subjected to the Grossest Corruptions of Popery, and the vilest Slavery, but the Protestant Interest all over Europe must have been expos'd to the Greatest Danger.

From all these Evils it has pleas'd our Gracious God to preserve us; and the Renown'd Conduct of yor Maties Generals, the valour of yor Troups, and the Hearty Zeal and Courage of yor Faithful Subjects, all animated and directed by your Maties Consumate Wisdom and Invincible Resolution, are the Happy Instruments of our Safety. Our Obligation, therefore, to Praise our God and Honour our King are increas'd upon us, and the remembrance of our late dangers enhances the Blessing of our Present Tranquillity, in which we have a very sensible share; for, thô our Countrey was not the Seat of War, our Enemies were preparing to invade us in this Kingdom, being encourag'd by the vast numbers of Papists and the Legal Incapacities which the Protestant Dissenters continue to be under of serving yor Matie and their Countrey, thô they are behind none of yor Matie's Subjects in Zeal and affection to yor Person and Governmt.

But these wicked Designs have been happily prevented by the Signal Interposal of Divine Providence favouring the Vigorous Resolutions and Prudent Measures taken by yor Matie and our Chief Governors, in conjunction with the Parliamt and the rest of yor Faithful Subjects. And it may be a peculiar satisfaction to us that the Honble House of Comons have generously acknowledg'd that Protestant Dissenters have done a Seasonable Service to yor Matie's Royal Person and Governmt and the Protestant Interest in this Kingdom.

And we crave leave to depend on yor Matie's Clemency and their favorable Resoluons till it please the Legislature to give us a more effectual relief, being firmly resolv'd to venture our All in defense of your Matie's Rightful Title, and the Protestant Succession in yor Royal Family, against the Pretender and his Abettors, and all yor Matie's Enemies whatsoever.

Subscribitur.

Adjourn'd till 2 *a merid:*

This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Die Mercury horâ Secunda post merid: Sess: 11a.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

The appointed letter to the Synod of ArGile was read and approv'd.

Moy-water.

Having heard the state of the Congregation in Moy-Water and Mr James Wallace, their Minister there,

Order'd, that the Congregations of Derry, Bert, Taboyne, Glendermot, and Ballendred, pay to Mr Ja: Wallace, in Moy-Water, fifteen pounds, being his proportion of the Fund. His circumstances require immediate payment.

Thos Paxton.

Order'd, that all Prēbries, from their first Sederunt, pay what they owe to Thomas Paxton, and that the money be transmitted to Mr Bryce Blair, of Belfast, unless they can get it conveniently sent to Thomas Paxton himself.

The Synod approv'd the Applotment of the Comittee of Funds, and is as follows:—

Fund.

Belfast,	41 : –	thus—	to Kirkdonald	4 : –	to Droheda	25 : –
			to Slego	7 : –	to Dundalk	5 : –
Down,	28 : –	thus—	to Gallway	20 : –	to Droheda	5 : –
			to Edendy	2 : 10 : –	to Dundalk	0 : 10
Antrim,	30 : –	thus—	to Dunean	5 : –	to Dundalk	19 : 10 :
			to Edenderry	5 : 10 : –		
Tyrone,	18 : 10 : –	thus—	to LoghGall	12 : –	to Badoni	4 : 10 :–
			to Golan	2 : –		
Monahan,	25 : –	thus—	Belturbet	20 : –	to Golan	2 : –
			to Dundalk	3 : –		
Ardmagh,	31	thus—	to VeniCash	9 : –	to Lurgan	10 : –
			to Edenderry	7 : –	to Droheda	5 : –
Colerain,	21	thus—	to Athlone	10 : –	to Cushendol	9 : –
			to Dundalk	2 : –		
Convoy,	18	thus—	to Stranorler	6 : –	to Glendivach	2 : –
			to Doo	2 : –	to Slego	8 : –
Derry,	28	thus—	to Moywater	15 : –	to Inniskillg	8 : –
			to Badoni	3	to Golan	2 : –

To Mr Dunlop.
To Mr Smith.

The applotment of the money to be giv'n to Mr Dunlop, Sam Smith, Jon Kyle, about Marriage, as aforesaid, as folls:—

Belfast, £17 : 10; Down, £12 : –; Antrim, £12 : –; Tyrone, £8 : –; Monah:, £10 : –; Ardmagh, £12 : 10 : –; Colrane, £8 : – Convoy, £7 : –; Derry, £13 : –.

For our Comrs who are to go to London, as follows:—

To our Comissrs.

Convoy, £11 : –; Belfast, £40 : –; Down, £24 : –; Antrim, £24 : –; Ardmagh, £25 : –; Derry, £30 : –; Monahn, £18 : – Tyrone, £16 : –; Colrane, £12 : –.

Arrears of the Fund.

The State of the Arrears of the Fund for preceding years:—

Down due £28 : 19 : 1, thus—Supply of Galway for 711, £14 : 10 : –; for 712, to Galway, 6 : 18 : 6; to KirkDonald, 0 : 17 : 0; to Mr Henry, of Droheda, for 714, 4 : – : –; for 1715, to Inniskilling and Galway, £2 : 13 : 6.

Monahan returns noe acco^{tt} for any year preceeding 714—for that year, due to Inniskilling and Belturbet, 1 : 15 : –; for 715, 7 : 15 : – remains due to Belturbet; to Lurgan, for 713, £5 : –.

Colerane, noe acco^{tt} till 714—due to Mr Dunlop, of Athlone, £32 : 10 : 6 ; to Mr Stuart, of Glens, £10 : 14 : –, this preceeding 713 ; and since due to Mr Stuart, £10 : 14 : 6.

Ardmagh, noe acco^{tt} preceeding 714—for 714, due to Lurgan and Dundalk, £10 : 14 : – ; for 715, to Lurgan and Dundalk, £11 10 : –.

Mr Simson gives in this charge for 713, £6 : – ; for 714, £12 : – ; for 715, £7 : –. Lurgan gives in this charge for 711, £5 : 8 : 9 ; for 712, £6 : – ; for 714, £7 : 15 : – ; for 715, £7 : 19 : –. Convoy returns noe acco^{t}, their Treasurer being absent. Mr Stuart, of Kirkdoñald, charges that Prēbry for 714, £4 : 0 : –. Belfast owes to Kirkdoñell for 714, £2 : 18 : – ; to Droheda, at last Synod, £70 : 4 : 1 ; to Dundalk for 713, £2 : 10 : –. Antrim acknowledges they owe £26 : 9 : –. Dundalk charges that Prēbry for 714, £10 : – ; for '715, £4 : – ; to Edenderry, £3 : – ; to Lurgan, £3 : 19 : 3—they are to enquire farther into that affair. Derry, noe acco^{tt}, their Treasurer being absent—Droheda charges for 711, £12 : – ; due to Galway for 713, £6 : – ; to Slego, for sev^{ll} y^{rs}, £16 : 2 : 10 ; to Edenderry for 714, £2 : 10 :–. Tyrone, noe stated acco^{tt}, but they say they are almost clear. Lurgan returns the foll^{ing} acco^{tt} before it was on the Fund :—Belfast, £8 : 5 : 2 ; Antrim, £7 : 10 : – ; Tyrone, £2 : – ; Down, £10 : 14 : – ; Monahan, £6 : 15 : –.

Due to Lurgan and Cushendole before they were on the Fund.

Mr Stuart, of Glens, return'd the foll^{ing} acco^{t} before he was on the Fund :—

Belfast, £0 : 15 : – ; Convoy, £2 : 8 : – ; Derry, £1 : 19 : 6 ; Ardmagh, £1 : 7 : 10 ; Antrim, £6 : 10 : 0 ; Down, £2 : 6 : 0.

Order'd, that each Prēsbry, with all possible dispatch, pay what they owe to Mr Stuart of Cushendole ; and that Mr James Stuart for Belfast Prēbry, Mr Sam: Dunlop for Convoy, Mr Ferguson for Derry, Mr Rainey for Ardmagh, Mr Leech for Antrim, collect what is due to him.

Collect for Mr Stuart what is due to him.

And the same order is for Mr Fleming, of Lurgan ; and M^{r} Hu: Ramsey for Down, Mr Tate for Monahan, Mr Tho: Keñedy for Tyrone, Mr Mich^{ll} Bruce for Belfast, Mr Livingston for Antrim, are to collect for Mr Fleming.

Collect for Mr Fleming.

It is agreed that for satisfying M^{r} Ja: Teatt for his great labour in transcribing above sixty sheets of paper about the affair of Belturbet and Monahan, Mr Darroch, each Minister pay him one shilling ; that each Prēbry collect it at their first Seder^{t} after this Synod and transmit it to him.

Pay Mr Teatt.

Order'd, that the Synod's Comittee have full power to enquire into the Fund, and give order for raising the arrear and Current Fund, and that each Prēbry send in writing their stated acco^{tt} of it to the said Comittee.

The Synod's Com: has power to enquire into the Fund.

Fraternal Censures were observ'd.

Fraternal Censures.

Absent—Mr McAlpin, who was not here since fryday; Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Jas Reid absent all this week; Mr Biggar absent this Sederunt. These in Down.

Mr Cobham, Mr Rob: Sinclar, Mr Wirling, Mr Craghead, absent all this week; Mr Adair absent yesterday. These in Belfast.

Mr Leech, Mr Shaw, Mr Hud, absent all this week; Mr Crichton absent this Sedert; Mr Getty absent this day; Mr Wilson absent yesterday. These in Antrim.

Mr Archbald Boyd, Mr Hu: Wallace, absent this week; Mr Muligan absent this day. These in Tyrone.

Mr John Stirling, Mr Hans Stuart, Mr Ball, absent this week. These in Derry.

Mr Ja: Johnston, Mr Tho: Anderson, absent this week. These in Ardmagh.

Mr Jo: McGachy, Mr Wm Cornwal, Mr Alexr Fleming, Mr Hair, Mr Plunket, absent this week; Mr Umphry Thomson absent this day. These in Monaghan.

Mr McGregor, Mr Haltridg, absent this week. These in Rout.

Act to prevent Ministers absenting themselvs causelessly in time of the Sederunts of the Synod.

The Synod being well inform'd that diverse Brn, while the Synod was sitting, and sometimes upon Business of great Importance, were seen walking in the streets, some paying visits at great length and staying in private houses, and others too frequently going into and staying too long away in publick houses, which practices have been very offensive to the Godly in this place, and are so to this Synod, as savoring of a spirit of Indifferency and Slothfulness about the Lord's work, do, for prevention of the like practices for the future, strictly enjoyn each Prēbry to give a solemn Charge to all their Membrs to abstain from the like in all time coming, and order that the first Interloqr of next Synod do strictly enjoyn all the Brethren to guard agt such offensive practices; and if the necessities of nature (during any long Sederunt) require any refreshment to any of the Brn, that the Brother or Brethren so needing it send for it to be brought into some of the vestries of the Meeting Houses, and that during any Sedert of the Synod none presume to go to a publick house.

Interloqr 1st.

Fast observ'd.

All the Prēsbries observ'd the Prēsbral and Congregational Fast appointed by the last Synod, except the Prēsbry of Monahan, who did omit the Prēsbral Fast, for which they were admonisht to be more careful for the future.

The time of comencing the share in R: D:

The Clerk having minuted that the Overture for allowing Min-rs to comence their share in R:D: from the first quar after their ordināon was not agreed to; but several Members asserting that this was a mistake, and that the Synod certainly agreed to that Overture—We, therefore, to determine this difference, agreed to make this the state of a vote—If that Overture of allowing Min-rs to commence their share in R: D. from their first quar after ordination shall be allow'd to take place from Synod last? It carry'd in the affirm:, *nem: contradic:*.

Mr James Tate representing that Mr David Sim was ordain'd March 25th, which in strictness will hinder him a quarter of R: D: only by the misse of one day, and his ordination was appointed to have been before that, but obstructed by a Physical Impediment—Ordered, that Mr Bryce Blair pay to him that quar, that is to say, Christmas quar, 1714. Pay R: D: to Mr Sim.

It having been referr'd to this Interloqr whether Mr Nathll Orr shall have his share in R: D: for the time to come, we put this vote—Agree that he have it for time to come, or not? It was unanimously carry'd that he have his share from the 24th of this instant June, inclusive, the Clerk to give an order to our Treasurer to pay Mr Orr this midsumer. Pay R: D: to Mr Nathll Orr.

2.

Diverse worthy Genlmen from several parts of the Countrey, the greatest part whereof have acted either as Commrs of Array or officers in the Militia, having met together to consider what may be proper for them and other Gentmen in the like circumstances to do, considering that the Bill fram'd by the House of Comons in this Kingdom for Indemnifying them from the Penalty of the Test-Act is dropt, and, on the other hand, considering the Resolutions of that Honble House agt any who shall attempt to prosecute them, and that the present juncture and many other weighty arguments seem to plead for their continuing to act as formerly, did present to this Interloqr their Resolutions, which they had unanimously come to upon this Head, desiring our opinion of the same. Their Resolutions are as follows:—

1. That it's our opinion that all the Gentmen of our Persuasion in this Kingdom who have accepted of Commissions of Array or Comissions in the Militia should continue to act in pursuance of them, and that any Gentman to whom any such Comission, either of Array or in the Militia, shall be offer'd hereafter, shall accept of the same and act in pursuance of it. Resolut: 1.

2. That if any one Gentman who shall continue to act in pursuance of this advice shall happen to be prosecuted, that all the other Gentmen shall stand by him, and defray the Expenses he shall be put to as a Comon Charge upon the whole. Resolut: 2.

3. That there shall be proper Application made in a seasonable juncture for our Relief. Resolut: 3.

This Interloqr having entertain'd a Conference with the Gentmen about these Resolutions, and having put the Question severally to each of them, did unanimously agree with the Gentmen in their opinion in respect to them all; and, to make the said resolutions the more effectual, it was desir'd by the Gentmen and agreed to by this Interloqr that each Prēbry, with all possible speed, upon their first receit of the Minuts, should acquaint all the Gentmen in their bounds with the same, and endeavor to bring them to an Unanimity in judgment about them, it being apprehended that a diversity of judgment and practice will be of bad Consequence to our Interest.

The above mention'd Gentmen and the following Minrs, vizt:—Mr Mairs, Mr Michll Bruce, Mr Abernethy, Mr Haltridg, Mr Ferguson,

Mr Sam: Dunlop, Mr Jon McGachy, Mr Rainey, Mr Choppin, Mr Arbuckell, Mr Alexr Sinclar, and Mr Craghead, are nam'd as a Comittee to consider the state of our publick affairs and report their Opinion to us.

Mr Rob: Sturgeon—the Prēbry of Antrim to examine him and report.

An affair relating to Mr Robert Sturgeon was laid by Comittee of Bills before this Interloqr—his Licence to preach was taken from him by the Prēsbry of Rout. A Supplication from the Session of Dawsons Bridge, desiring the Suspension may be taken off, was read; also a Supplication from himself, setting forth his sorrow for his sin, desiring his Suspension may be remov'd, and, if that be not granted, for advice how he shall apply himself in his after life. He being remov'd, the Brn gave their opinion of this matter. Order'd, that the Prēbry of Antrim converse with Mr Sturgeon, examine him as to his sufficiency, and enquire into his life and Conversation, and report their opinion to next Genll Synod, that then it may be judg'd whether it be proper to admit him to Tryals.

The Interloqr came to diverse Resolutions about the Terms of a Toleration, which being *verbatim* inserted in the Minuts of the Synod, Sess: 6, it is needless to repeat them here.

It was agreed that a Comittee be appointed to inspect Mr Blair's accotts, vizt:—from Down, Mr Mairs; from Belfast, Mr Michll Bruce; from Antrim, Mr Brown; from Tyrone, Mr Thomas Keñedy; who are to make report to morrow morning.

3.

The Ministers and Gentmen appointed by last Interloqr to consider the state of our Public affairs, and to report their opinion, reported the same in several Resolutions they had come to, which, being consider'd, with some amendments, were agreed to, and are as follows:—

Resolved.

1. That it's the opinion of this Comittee that a Comissr or Comissrs be sent over to England, to manage our affairs there when a seasonable juncture offers.

Resolv:

2. In order to defray his or their charges that a Sum of Two Hundred pounds be rais'd.

Resolv:

3. That the way for raising this money be this: that each Prēsbry shall pay what proportion of it shall fall to their share, and that they shall try first to get it up by voluntary subscriptions of such persons as they shall think fitt to apply to; and if this method prove not effectual, that they next try to get it up by public Collections, or any other way they shall judge most expedient.

Resolv:

4. That Two Commissrs, a Gentman and a Minister, from both North and South, are sufficient.

Resolv:

5. That, in order to the Nominating and instructing those Commissrs, there be a Concert 'twixt North and South, and this Concert to be by the Synod's Comittee, with Gentmen, meeting at Newry, with the Ministers and Gentmen of the South, which Comittee is to be call'd by Mr Iredell, in concert with the Prēsbry of Dublin.

The Members of the standing Comittee of this Synod to manage the affairs of this Church are, vizt, from Convoy—Mr Samuel Dunlop, Mr Will: Holmes, Mr Cha: Lynd, Mr David Ferly. Synod's fixt Comittee.

Down—Mr Sam: Sheñan, M^{r} Ja: Reid, Mr Will: Smith, Mr Hugh Ramsey.

Belfast—Mr And: Craford, M^{r} Ja: Kirkpatrick, Mr Tho: Gowan, Mr Michael Bruce.

Antrim—M^{r} Jo: Abernethy, Mr Alex^{r} Brown, Mr Will: Livingston, Mr Shaw.

Tyrone—Mr Hen: Crooks, Mr Bapt: Boyd, Mr Tho: Keñedy, M^{r} Ja: Maxwell.

Ardmagh—M^{r} Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Lang, Mr Rainey, Mr Gilbert Keñedy.

Monaghan—M^{r} Jo: McGachy, Mr Umph: Thompson, Mr Teatt, Mr David Sim.

Rout—Mr Haltridg, Mr Tho: Stirling, Mr Higginbottam, Mr Wm Boyd.

Derry—M^{r} Jo: Harvy, Mr Wynsly, Mr Will: Gray, M^{r} Jo: Stirling. The Quorum to be fifteen. They are to meet at DunGeñan when call'd by Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclar, and Mr Craghead.

In case the Concert between the North and South about choosing and instructing our Commiss^{rs} to go to London, according to the Resolutions of this Synod, two Gen^{t}men from each Prēsbry are to be added to the above Comittee as members thereof, and they are as follows:—

Thomas Edwards, Esqr, Capt Jo: Henderson, from Convoy Prēbry; Capt Hugh Maxwell, M^{r} Jo: Blackwood, from Down; Arthur Maxwel, Esqr, Arthur Keñedy, Esqr, from Belfast; Con^{ll} Upton, Capt Jo: Shaw, from Antrim; Will: Cuñingham, Esqr, Capt Stephenson, from Tyrone; Capt Malcom McNeil, M^{r} Jo: McGill, from Ardmagh; Capt Will: Cairns, Capt Fra: Wilson, from Monahan; Capt Alex^{r} M'Cabe, Captain Dominick Heyland, from Rout; Jo: Hamilton, of Dunnimanah, Esqr, M^{r} Jo: Harvy, of Derry, from Derry.

If any of the above Members, Gen^{t}men or Min^{rs}, shall be hindred from attending, their respective Prēbries shall be oblig'd to send others in their place. When the above Comittee, with the Gen^{t}men, are call'd to meet the Br^{n} of Dublin and the South, according to former resolution, they are to meet at Newry, to be call'd by Mr Iredell, in concert with the Prēbry of Dublin.

An Overture from the Comittee of Overtures, in these words, that this Synod send two Ministers to correspond with the Ensueing Gen: Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was unanimously agreed to. A Leet being giv'n of M^{r} Ja: Bruce, Mr Colvill, M^{r} Ja: Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Masterton, which two of those shall be chosen—Mr Bruce and Mr Kirkpatrick were chosen. Correspond wth the Ensueing Gen: Assembly.

Agreed, to allow to these two Br^{n} Twenty Guineas out of R: D: in hand, and if they expend more, it shall be refunded to 'em on their

return. The Clerk is to give order to Mr Blair to pay said Twenty Guineas out of R: D: to the said Brn upon their demand.

Apply for relief to Excomunicated persons for their Marriages.

Ordered, that our Brn in Dublin be desir'd to apply to the Governt and Ld Chancellr, for relief of several persons Excomunicated for their Marriages, and particularly on behalf of John Chamberlain, Ja: Creswell, John Warden, of the Parish of Fawn, in the Diocese of Derry, and Ja: Ball, of Ballymony, in the Diocese of Coñor, and Nivin Twynan, Will: Curry, of the Parish of DonoghClony, and Ja· Martin, in the Parish of Tulylish, all three in the Diocese of Dromore.

Report the opinion of the papr—Causes of the Decay of Religion.

Ordered—Whereas the respective Prēbries have not reported their opinion of a paper transmitted to them in the Minuts of last Synod, Entitled an Enquiry into the Causes of the Decay of Religion, that the Prēbries consider the same, and report their opinion to next Gen: Synod, and that the Clerks of the respective Prēbries give Copies thereof to such Membrs as desire and pay for the same.

Finis.

Sess: 1a.

Gll Synod at Belfast, June 18th, 1717.

Mr Samuel Sheñan having open'd this Synod by preaching on Isaiah 52, 11, and after constitution by prayer,

Sederunt, the Ministers and Ruling Elders of the said Synod.

DOWN.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Mrs James Bruce	Mr James Trail
John Gawdie	Patrick Vance
Henry Hamilton	
John Mairs	John Thompson
Thomas Orr	William Beatie
James Maccalpin	Thomas Kenedy
Samuel Shenan	Robert McDonell
William Biggar	Hugh Brown
William Smith	John Clark
James Reid	Alexr McCartney
Hugh Ramsey	John Byers
Archd Dickson	Andrew Todd
Thomas Nevin	George Ga
Francis MontGomery	James Martin
Thomas Eldar	Andrew McRobert
Nathaniel Orr	

BELFAST.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
M-rs John McBride	Andrew Agnew
John Malcom	George Swarnbeck
Alexandr Sinclar	William Sinclar
James Kirkpatrick	Dr Ferguson
John Riddell	
Robert Sinclar	Robert Holmes
Charles Seton	William Wilson
James Stuart	Robert Neil
Robert Wirling	Thomas Hunter
Michael Bruce	Mr Arthur Kenedy
Samuel Harper	Will: Moor
Patrick Bruce	Patrick Scot

ANTRIM.

M-rs Willm Taylor, Senr	Josias Dun
Stafford Pettigrew	Adam Moor
William Leech	John Ross
Alexandr Brown	John Montgomery
John Abernethy	Conll Shaw
Charles Masterton	Thomas Egelsham
William Livingston	John Kelso
James Crichton	John McKa
John Henderson	John Edgar
Thomas Shaw	Robert Harper
Thomas Wilson	Francis Taggert
Will: Taylor, Junr	John Craig
Samuel Getty	James Jackson
James White	Willm Armstrong

TYRONE.

M-rs Henry Crooks	Geo: McConchy
Baptist Boyd	
James Maxwell	
Thomas Kenedy	Capt Stephenson
Thomas Milikin	John Wilson
David Thomb	David Thompson
John Kenedy	John Fisher
Alexandr Moor	

ARDMAGH.

M-rs Archbald Macclane	Daniel McDowell
Charles Wallace	Thomas Stitt

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
M-rs Alexr Colvill	
John Wilson	Robert Linton
Georg Lang	Mr Ja: Fraser
Samuel Young	
Gilbert Kenedy	Nathaniel MontGomery
James Fleming	Georg Shaw
Robert Rainey	James Ballentyne
James Johnston	Hugh McGie
William McKay	James Tod
James Moor	Francis Moor
Robert Gordon	Hugh Frisell
Patrick Simpson	
Thomas Anderson	
Hugh Henry	
John Campbell	

COLERAIN.

M-rs James Stuart	
John Mayer	
James McGrigor	David CarGill
William Boyd	
Robert Higginbotham	Capt Thompson
John Porter	John White
Robert MacBride	Mr James Henry
John Cochren	John Cally

DERRY.

M-rs Thomas Harvy	
John Harvy	
John Stirling	Robert Millar
William Gray	
Hans Stuart	William Case
John Ball	

CONVOY.

M-rs Samuel Henry	
William Homes	
Samuel Dunlop	
Charles Lynd	Archd Anderson
David Ferlie	
John Holmes	
James Wallace	
Nehemiah Donaldson	Tho: Edwards, Esqr
Victor Ferguson	Mr Areskin

MONAGHAN.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Mrs Robert Colthart	
Will: Cornwall.....	Will: Wigton
Umphry Thompson.....	Alexr Wilson
Samuel Dunlop	John Potts
William Hair	
Samuel McGachine.....	Hugh Caderwood
Josias Cornwall	Robert Thompson
David Sim.....	James Scott
Alexr Hamilton	
Robert Thompson	
And: Crawford.....	John Girvan

Correspondts from the Prēbry of Dublin and South :—

Mr James Arbuckle, Mr Alexr Wood.

Brethren providentially present from N: Britain :—

Mr Will: Wilson, Mr James Getty.

Mr Sheñan, the former Moderator, desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, propos'd the following Brethren, vizt:—Mr Stafford Pettigrw, Mr George Lang, Mr John Stirling, Mr James McGregor, Mr John Malcom, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Willm Biggar, Mr Willm Homes, Mr Willm Cornwall, Mr John Harvy, Mr James Bruce, that one of these Brethren may be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Every of them being heard their reason why another should be chosen, and having giv'n their vote, did remove.

The Roll being call'd, Mr Lang was by plurality of voices chosen Moderator. Moderator chosen.

Mr Craford was continu'd Clerk. Upon his desire, Mr Michael Bruce and Mr Thomas Nevin were appointed to assist him in Clerking. Clerk continu'd.

For the more regular and expeditious management of what affairs may be laid before this Synod, the Synod appointed the following Comittees:—One for Overtures, one for Bills, one for revising Sub-Synod books, and one for the Fund. Comittees were appointed.

The several Prēsbries are to choose their Members of the said Comittees, and return their names in write to our Clerk at next Sederunt.

Agreed, that all the Members of this Synod, Ministers and Elders, meet in this house to morrow morning, and continue in prayer to God for light in the whole that may be laid before us, from seven of the clock till nine. Meet for prayr.

Adjourn'd till nine of the clock to morrow morning.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

The Interloqr to meet after this Sederunt. What is done in the Interloqr is annext to those Minuts.

Sess: 2a

Die Mercur: horâ nona ante merid:

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt qui supra.*

The time appointed for pray^{r} was observ'd.

The several Presbytries, according to appointment, return'd the names of the members of the Comittees, as follows:—

For Overtures.

	Ministers.	Elders.
From Belfast Prēsbry—		
	M^{r} McBride,	Arthur Keñedy, Esqr,
	Mr Malcom,	Andrew Agnew.
	Mr Kirkpatrick,	
Tyrone—		
	Mr Baptist Boyd,	Capt Stephenson.
	M^{r} Ja: Maxwell,	
Ardmagh—		
	Mr Macclane,	M^{r} Ja: Fraser.
	Mr Gilb^{t} Keñedy,	Mr Ballentyne.
	Mr Fleming,	
Antrim—		
	Mr Taylor, Senr,	
	Mr Pettigrw,	
	Mr Henderson,	with their Elders.
Monahan—		
	Mr Willm Cornwall,	Mr Potts.
	Mr Hair,	
Colrain—		
	Mr Higinbotham,	Capt John Thompson.
	Mr Will: Boyd,	
Derry—		
	Mr John Harvy,	with his Elder.
Convoy—		
	Mr Sam: Henry,	
	M^{r} Jo: Hômes,	Mr Archbald Henderson.
	Mr Ferlie,	
Down—		
	M^{r} Ja: Bruce,	
	Mr Hamilton,	with their Elders.
	Mr Sheñan,	

Mr Will: Biggar, Mod^{r} and Clerk.

For Bills.

Belfast—Mr Riddell, Mr Stuart, Mr Seton.

Tyrone—Mr David Thomb, M^{r} Jo: Keñedy.

Ardmagh—Mr Charles Wallace, Mr Young, Mr McKay, Mr Ja: Moor, Mr Rob: Rainey.

Antrim—Mr Leech, Mr Abernethy, Mr Liviston, Mr Shaw.

Monahan—Mr Colthart, Mr Sam: Dunlop, Mr Sam: McGahy.

Colerain—Mr Ja: Stuart, Mr Rob: McBride.

Derry—Mr John Ball.

Convoy—Mr Lynd, Mr Victor Ferguson.

Down—Mr Gawdie, Mr Maccalpin, Mr Smith, Mr Reid, Mr Ramsey.

With their Elders.

For Funds.

Belfast—Mr Michll Bruce, Mr Rob: Sinclar.

Ardmah—Mr Jo: Wilson, Mr Johnston, Mr Moor.

Antrim—Mr Brown, Mr Taylor, Junr.

Monahn—Mr Jos: Cornwall, Mr Sim, Mr Umph: Thompson.

Colrain—Mr McGregor, Mr Maior. Elder, David Cargill.

Convoy—Mr Will: Holmes, Mr Sam: Dunlop.—Mr Areskin.

Derry—Mr Jo: Stirling.

Down—Mr Mairs, Mr Nevin. And their Elders.

To Revise Synod-Books.

Derry Book—

Belfast—Mr Sinclar, Mr Harper.

Tyrone—Mr Alexr Moor.

Ardmagh—Mr Simson.

Monahan—Mr Rob: Thompson.

Down—Mr Montgomery, Mr Nath: Orr.

Antrim—Mr Masterton, Mr Getty.

With their Elders.

Belfast Book—

Derry—Mr Gray.

Convoy—Mr McCracken.

Tyrone—Mr Milikin.

Ardmah—Mr Colvill, Mr Gordon.

Monahan—Mr Alexr Hamilton.

Colrain—Mr Cochren.

With their Elders.

Monaghan Book—

Antrim—Mr Crichton, Mr Wilson, Mr White.

Belfast—Mr Wirlin, Mr Pat: Bruce.

Colrain—Mr Porter.

Derry—Mr Hans Stuart.

Down—Mr Dickson, Mr Eldar.

Convoy—Mr Donaldson.

With their Elders.

Place where the Comittees are to meet.

The Comittee of Overtures are to meet in the Session house of the New Meeting House.

The Comittee for Funds to meet in the Session house of the Old Meeting House.

The Comittee for Bills to meet in the new Meeting house.

The Comittee for Revising books to meet in the old Meeting house.

Absents fm last Synod excus'd.

Mr Lynd is now excus'd for his absence fm last Synod, also Mr Woodside and Mr John Harvy.

Absents fm this Synod excus'd.

Absents fm this Synod excus'd—Masters Francis Iredell, Rob: Wilson, Alexr McCracken, Jas Cobham, Tho: Gowan, Jon McClave, Jon Lee, Ja: Tate, Math: Clark, Rob: Haltridg, Tho: Stirling, Rob: Campbell, Andrew Ferguson, Alexr Fleming, Tho: Harvy, Junr, Sam: Hallyday, Seth Drumond, Francis Laird, Tho: Wynsly, Jo: Hutcheson, Rob: Craghead, Jo: Thomb.

Not excus'd.

Absents fm this Synod not excus'd—Mrs Moses Cherrie, Hugh Wallace, John McGachy, Patrick Plunket, Rob: Rutherford, Ja: Woodside, Henry Neil.

The Roll being call'd, and, by order, the absents were markt.

Rules read. All promist to observe them.

The several rules for preserving order in the Synod were read and earnestly recomended by the Modr, and the Overture requiring that every member should give his express promise to observe the said Rules. The Roll was again call'd, and every member did approve the said rules, and promise to keep them in his conduct in this Synod.

Dead since last Synod.

Dead since last Synod:—

Mr Patrick Adair, of Carrickfergus, and Member of Belfast Prēsbry, died June 12th, 1717.

Mr Fulk White, of Braid, and Member of Antrim Prēsbry, died Augt 24th, 1716; and Mr James Hud, of Larne, in same Prēbry of Antrim, died Octob: 12th, 1716.

Depos'd for the Sin of Adultery.

Tyrone Prēbry depos'd Mr Archbald Boyd, of Mahera, Augt 8, 1716, for the sin of Adultery.

Ordain'd since last Synod.

Ordain'd since last Synod:—

The Prēsbry of Belfast ordain'd Mr Samll Harper in Moyra, March 13th, 1716-17; and Mr Patrick Bruce in Drumbo, June 12th, 1717.

Tyrone ordain'd Mr Alexr Moor in Minterbirn, Octobr 8, 1716.

Colerain ordain'd Mr Robert McBride in Bellymony, Septr 26; and Mr John Cochren at Kilrachts, Septr 27, 1716.

Convoy ordain'd Mr Nehemiah Doñaldson at Darg, Decemr 19, 1716; and Mr Victor Ferguson at Straban, April 24, 1717.

Licens'd since last Synod:— Licens'd.

By Down Prēsbry—Mr Patrick Bruce, Mr Samuel Forgie.

By Antrim—Mr John Futt.

By Ardmagh—Mr Tho: Macclane.

By Derry—Mr Sam: Ross, Mr Ninian Cochren, Mr Tho: Strawbridg.

Entred on Second Trials—Mr Samll Ross, Mr Jo: Harvy, Mr Ja: Hillhouse.

Tyrone Prēsbry took fm̄ Mr Moses Clark his Licence to preach, for his Embraceing the Errors of the Quakers. The Prēbry report that he has recanted the said Errors before the Congregation.

Entred on first Trials:— Entred on first Trials.

Antrim hath entred on first Trials Mr Willm Cuñingham. Tyrone has entred Mr Jas Dyke. Ardmagh has entred Mr Jon Murray. Monahan has entred Mr Samll Hemphill, Mr John Little, Mr Jas Howe.

The names of these to be entred on first Trials are to be return'd at next Sederunt.

In reference to the Questions to be propos'd at Ordination—Order'd, that Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Abernethy, do produce these Questions if they be prepar'd. Mr Kirkpatrick offer'd that that work will come in under another appointmt laid on these who are members of a Comittee for Discipline, who have prepar'd these Questions as part of their work, which they will lay before this Synod together with the rest of their performance; till which time the Questions at Ordination were referr'd. Questions at Ordination.

The Revisers of Books are order'd to observe if the several Synods have taken care to have the act for the public appearing of notorious scandalous sinners read in all their Congregations where it had not been formerly read. Read the Act agt notorious sinners.

These who went fm̄ last Synod before fraternal Censures were now call'd, and the reasons of their going away were enquir'd into. These Brethren were excus'd:—Mr Maccalpin, Mr Reid, Mr Biggar, Mr Sinclar, Mr Wirling, Mr Leech, Mr Shaw, Mr Crichton, Mr Getty, Mr Wilson, Mr Milikin, Mr Stirling, Mr Hans Stuart, Mr Ball, Mr Johnston, Mr Will: Cornwall, Mr Hair, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr McGregor. Who went last year before fraternal Censures excus'd.

Not excus'd:—Mr Thomas Orr, Mr Cobham, Mr Craghead, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Anderson, Mr MaGachy, Mr Fleming, Mr Plunket. Not excus'd.

To prevent such a number of Ministers going away without leave, Order'd, that noe minister go away fm̄ the Synod without leave sought Ask leave to go.

and obtain'd; and a Minister's going away to supply his Congregation shall be noe excuse for his not returning when the Synod sits a second week.

Straban supply'd.

Straban Congregation was supply'd according to appointm^{t}, till Mr Victor Ferguson was under a Call to that people.

Monaghan supplied.

Monaghan was supply'd according to appointm^{t}. Enquiry was made if they paid the suppliers as was order'd. Some persons from that place did acknowledg they did not pay so much as was appointed. This was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures, to lay an Overture before us, whereby that people may make up wherein they were deficient to the suppliers last year.

Report concerning Bellymony and Killrachts.

Report was made by the Prēsbry of Colerain that Bellymony having dropt the thoughts of a Collegiate charge, that Prēbry did thereupon send a member of theirs to intimate to 'em that the Towns disañext by the Synod of Derry and joyn'd to Killrachts should now joyn to Killrachts, and that most of that people had obey'd the appointm^{t}, and it's hop'd that such who are refractory yet w^{d} soon comply.

Mr Weir's affair is referr'd till he come himself.

Mr Gowan transported to Leyden.

The late Synod having appointed Belfast Prēsbry to meet with Correspond^{ts} appointed by the said Synod in case of the Transportation of Mr Gowan from the Congregation of Drumbo to the English Church in Leyden, the Prēbry made report that they and the Correspond^{ts} met at the time appointed (except Mr Lang, who is now for his reasons giv'n excus'd) and unanimously transported Mr Gowan fm̄ Drumbo to Leyden, and continu'd his relation to this Church.

DunGeñan supply'd.

DunGeñan was supply'd according to appointm^{t}, and paid to their suppliers as it was ordred by last Synod.

Derry supply'd.

Derry was supply'd according to appointm^{t}.

Time & place of next Synod.

It was voted—Whether we shall appoint the time and place of next Synod now or not? It was carry'd, appoint now. We agreed that either Belfast, Antrim, or Derry shall be the place where next Synod shall meet. It was voted which of the three places shall be the place of Meeting. It carry'd Belfast, on the third Tuesday of June, sermon to begin at five a clock that afternoon next year.

Extract out of G: Synod Minuts and insert in Prēbry Books.

It was enquir'd of the several Prēsbries if they had entred into their Records the Extract of the Gen^{ll} Synod's Minut relating to their Prēbry. They generally answer'd they had; but, that the Synod may have greater certainty in this matter, every Sub-Synod is now enjoyn'd to make strict enquiry into the several Prēsbries if this order be duely observ'd and entred into their Minuts.

New Prēbries to be erected out of Convoy, Derry, & Monah: Prēbries.

There was nothing done last year about erecting a new Prēbry out of Convoy and Derry Prēbry at last Synod. 'Tis now order'd that who are for that Erection do meet and bring in a Scheme of it against Fryday morning; and it being mov'd that there was a design of erecting another Prēsbry in the bounds of Monaghan, which will interfere with the other one design'd, we order that a scheme of this be likewise laid before us at the same time with the other.

The affair remitted by the last Synod to the consideration of the several Prēbries concerning the validity of Baptism administred by Mr Robert Darroch, late Minister in Monahan, was now consider'd; is referr'd till afterwards. Mr Darroch.

The Comittees are to meet at 3; the Synod at 5; the Interloqr of the whole house to meet just at the end of this Sedert.

This Sedt concluded with prayr.

Die Mercur: horâ 5a a merid: Sess: 3a.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra.*

Some Prēbries complain'd that the Synod appointing supplies to Congregations, without the Prēbries being duely appris'd thereof. An Overture was laid before this Synod by the Comittee of Overtures, which was agreed to, and is as follows:—Finding an Inconveniency in granting Synodical supplies, agreed, that these supplies shall be as rare as may be; that who supplicate for supplies of that kind do come in by their Prēbry. None of these supplies to be granted except in extraordinary cases. Who seek Synod: Supply are to come in by their Prēbry.

Elizabeth Wilson, of Islemagee, supplicated last Synod for Charity. The Petitioner was recomended to the Synod of Belfast. Upon Enquiry, it appears that Belfast and Antrim Prēbries have giv'n to her what charity they could, but Down did not. Her case is again recomended to that Prēsbry. Charity.

The late Synod having appointed a Comittee to meet and consider the affair of Maherawly, Enquiry was made if that Comittee met. It was mov'd that there are several parties here with Supplicāons, which will bring in this matter again. Order'd that the Comittee of Bills ripen that affair for a full hearing. Maherawly.

From the Irish Comittee report was made that four of their number met. The rest did not meet, who were excus'd, for their reasons now giv'n.

The last Synod having appointed that these who had any skill in the Irish Language, to meet for their Improvemt in Societies once in two moneths, one at DunGivan, the other Society at Ardmagh—Enquiry was made if the said appointmt was obey'd. Report is made. Who undrstand Irish to meet in Societies.

DunGivan Society met on the day appointed, and adjourn'd themselvs, as order'd by the Synod; but after the second appointment they did not meet, except Mr Higginbottam. The rest, for reasons giv'n, were excus'd.

Ardmagh Society---Mr Macclane reports that he did not hear of the first appointmt, but they again met, and he preacht before them; but they did not meet any more. Accot of proficiency in the Irish Language.

Mr Samuel Dunlop has improv'd so much in the Irish Language, that he can now preach in it. Mr Lynd and Mr Strawbridge can read it. Mr Higginbotham has preacht oft in Irish since the Synod.

Mr Umphry Thompson says he was at the first Society, but had noe certainty of the time of their subsequent meetings.

Mr Robert Thompson did not hear of any of these meetings.

Report is made that Convoy, Derry, Monahan have not paid their Quota to Mr Archbald Macclane, Probationer fm̄ Argyle. They are now appointed to pay (each one Guinea) to Mr James White, by order of Mr Macclane.

A letter from Argile Synod.

A letter fm̄ the Synod of Argile, shewing their readiness to assist us in the pious design of converting the Irish, was read. This letter to be further consider'd, and an answer to be sent thereunto.

A letter from the aforesaid Mr Macclane, desiring that some money due to him be paid, and that Testimlls may be giv'n to him—he designs to return to his own Countrey—was read and referr'd to the Interloqrs of Ministers and Elders.

Charity School.

The Charity School mention'd at last Synod has not been erected, because a good master could not be got.

Irish Catechism to be examin'd.

The Irish Catechism is not yet printed, because it was some time before it could be got well translated; but now Mr Simson tells this Synod that, by the help of an Irish man, he has got it done; which translation we order to be laid before such members of the Irish Societies as are here, who are to meet this evening after the Interloqr, to consider and report their judgment of the said Translation.

Directory for Church Discipline.

The Com̄ittee appointed by last Synod to prepare a Scheme of our Discipline, made report that they have prepar'd the same, which they now deliver to this Synod, and the title thereof being read (which is—a Directory for Church Discipline, collected out of the Holy Scripture, and the Practice, Acts, and Canons of the Purest Primitive and best Reform'd Churches), made an Overture that it be now read, if the Synod please. Agreed, that the said Directory be read every morning from seven a clock till nine, till it be read out.

Mrs Gilchrist referr'd.

The Charity to Mrs Gilchrist not being paid by several Prēbries, the said affair was referr'd to the Com̄ittee of Overtures.

Monahan Synod book approv'd.

The Revisers of Monahan Synod book made report that they approve the book, except they find not the fraternal Censures markt in their book, which omission that Synod acknowledg'd. They said that they had noe occasion for such Censures, therefore did not observe the same. That Synod being remov'd, this Synod, considering that they had been guilty of the same omission before, agreed to admonish 'em, and exhort them to be more careful to observe the fraternal Censures for the future, and insert the same so observ'd in their Synod book. Order'd, that the approbation of the book (with the remark) be inserted in the records of this Synod. It was done accordingly.

The Books of Derry & Belfast Synod approv'd.

The Revisers of Belfast-Synod-book made report that they approve the book. Order'd, that the approbation be inserted in the book, which was accordingly done.

The Revisers of Derry-Synod book have noe remarks, except that they do not find in the book mention of enquiring into the several Prēsbries of that Synod, whether each member of their several Prēbries

had intimated from the Pulpit the Synod's Act appointing notorious sinners of our Comunion to appear before the Congregāon. The approbation of the book with that remark to be inserted in the book. It was accordingly done.

The Synod to meet for reading the Directory aforemention'd at 7, and continue till 9; the Comittees to sit from 9 to 11; the full Synod to meet at 11.

Die Jovis horâ undecima ante merid: Sess: 4.

After pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Seder^t qui supra.*

The hours for reading the Directory for Discipline, appointed by last Sederunt, were observ'd.

Mr James Arbukle produc'd a Comission fm the Prēsbry of Dublin, to correspond with this Synod—was read. He was accordingly receiv'd, and his name was order'd to be entred into our Roll, which was accordingly done. He mov'd that Mr Higginbottam may be sent to Dublin to preach in the Irish Language. The consideration of that was referr'd to the Interloq^r of the whole house, at which time the whole affair of preaching to the Irish shall be consider'd. Mr Arbukle, Correspond^t fm Dublin Prēbry.

A Reference from the Prēsbry of Antrim, about the Transportation of Mr John Abernethy, was brought in by the Comittee of Bills, which was read. Mr Arbukle mov'd, seing they are not yet ready to enter on that affair, it may be delay'd till another time. After reasoning, it was agreed to put this Question—Shall this Synod enter now on Capelstreet affair or that of Usher Key first? It was carry'd, proceed on the affair of Capelstreet first.

A Comission from the Session and Congregation of L:Derry, to Alderman Macky and Alder: Cowan to attend this Synod and prosecute their appeal from the sentence of Belfast Prēsbry in March last, was read; and their Supplication, setting forth their desolate case, and praying that the desir'd Transportāon might be granted, the sentence of Belfast Prēsbry notw^tstanding. Derry.

A Comission fm Capelstreet Session and Congregation, to Mr Arch^d Adair and Mr Jo^n Sinclar, empowering these Comm^rs to act in their name in the affair of the desir'd Transportation of Mr Robert Craghead from Capelstreet to Derry, was read; as also their Supplication praying that Mr Craghead may be continu'd with 'em, and the sentence of Belfast Prēsbry confirm'd. Capelstreet. M^r R: Craghead.

Then the reasons for the Transportation of Mr Craghead to Derry, and the answers fm Capelstreet were read, and Capelstreet reasons against the Transportation, and Derry answer to these reasons, were read. Mr Craghead's letter to Belfast Prēsbry was read, and his letter to this Synod was likewise read, excusing his absence. He was excused. Having read these papers, we agreed that the said business come in first at next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till three of the clock in the afternoon.

This Seder^t concluded wth pray^r.

Sess: 5.

Die Jovis horâ tertia post merid:

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Seder^{t} qui supra.*

The hours for reading the Directory for Discipline appointed by last Sederunt were observ'd.

We having resolv'd to enter on the affair of Derry and Capel-street (Dublin), it was mov'd by Mr Kirkpatrick, a member of Belfast Presbytry, that an Emergent relating to that affair made it necessary that the Prēsbry of Belfast should meet upon it to consult upon that matter. Agreed, that the Prēsbyry of Belfast have liberty to meet.

Mr Stuart, Cushendoll.

A Supplication from Mr Stuart, of Cushendoll, holding forth his great straits, was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures.

To be entred on first Trials.

To be entred on first Trials—in Down Prēsbry, Mr John Mairs, jun^{r}; in Belfast Prēsbry, Mr Patrick Maxwell.

Droheda. Mr Henry.

A Supplication from the Congregation of Droheda, setting forth a great arrear due to Mr Hugh Henry, was read, and representing Mr Henry's design to leave that place if his arrears be not speedily paid. This was referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

The Minuts of the Comittee at Dromore were read; but the Prēsbry of Belfast coming in, the affair of that Comittee was delay'd till a convenient time afterward.

A Motion by Belfast Prēbry agreed to.

The Prēbry of Belfast desir'd that the papers relating to Derry affair might be read, and urg'd that only such papers as were laid before them might be first consider'd, and that if any new thing be now offer'd that might influence the judgment of this Synod which was not before them, might not be consider'd in the question *bene* or *male appellatum*; for they have still a right to judg in any thing new which comes before this Synod—which proposal was judg'd reasonable, and agreed to.

Capelstreet.

Then the Synod order'd all the Minuts of the Prēsbry relating to the affair of Derry and Capelstreet to be read, together with the papers in the order they were laid before 'em; and the Minuts being read, and the reasons fm Derry for the desir'd Transportation, with Capel-street answers, and also Capelstreet reasons against the transportation, and likewise Mr Craghead's letter to the Prēsbry of Belfast, holding out the difficulties he was under with the Call recomended to his consideration from the Prēbry of Belfast: then the appeal of Derry fm the sentence of Belfast Prēbry was read. Thus all papers being read, the people of Derry said they had nothing to add to their papers The people of Capelstreet said they had nothing to add to their papers, but only begg'd that their be noe regard had to any new papers brought into this Synod, which was never comunicated to 'em, and so had noe opportunity to answer, nor particularly to Mr Craghead's letter to this Synod. The Prēbry of Belfast urg'd the same, and mov'd that, seeing the Prēbry of Derry had joyn'd in the appeal, they might likewise be remov'd, and allow'd noe vote in this affair. The Com^{rs} of Capelstreet desir'd that Mr Iredell's letter to the Prēbry of Belfast might be read, which was done.

Derry.

Papr^{s} *hinc inde* were read.

The Prēsbry of Derry pleaded that their Comm^{r} was mistaken in entring an Appeal in their name, and urg'd that they are not to be

lookt on as parties in this case, since he had noe Comission to appeal in their name. Then, all parties being remov'd, the Synod came to consider whether Derry Prēbry shall be consider'd as parties; but the said Prēbry, waving their privilege, did also remove.

Then we consider'd this affair, and after several members had spoken and reason'd upon it, we came to this state of a vote—Had the Congregation of Derry just ground of Appeal from the sentence of Belfast Prēbry or not? But before we put this to the vote we agreed, if it should carry noe just ground of Appeal, this shall not preclude the Synod from considering what new light may be giv'n us in this affair, and may be proper to be done upon it. Then the aforesaid vote being put, it was carry'd *nem: contradic:* in the Negative. The parties being call'd in, our sentence was intimated to them. Then we agreed that all except Members and Commrs should remove, and that we imediately proceed to the further consideraon of this affair, and we began with reading Mr Craghead's letter to this Synod, which was read; and likewise a letter from Mr Iredell, which came by this day's Post; and the Commrs of both sides being fully heard, were also remov'd; and, after the members had reason'd much on this affair, we came to this vote—Transport Mr Craghead from Capelstreet to Derry, or not? It was carry'd by a great majority in the Negative. The parties being call'd, the said sentence was intimated to them. There was the following Overture propos'd by the Prēbry of Derry—that some members be nam'd to bring in some Overture about the case of Derry; which Overture was agreed to, and the following Brethren, Mr Abernethy, Mr Rob: McBride, Mr Thom: Keñedy, Mr Rob: Rainey, Mr Gray, Mr Jo: Stirling, Mr Jo: Harvy, were appointed to frame an Overture, and lay it before this Synod tomorrow morning; but before the vote, Transport or not, was put, another letter fm Mr Craghead to Mr Arbuckle, desiring him to make a full and plain declaration of his earnest desire to be loos'd from his charge in Capelstreet, and transported to Derry, was read.

Derry had noe just ground of Appeal.

Not transport Mr Craghead fm Capelstreet to Derry.

A Comittee to prepare an Overture concerning Derry.

Mr David Thomb obtain'd leave to go home.

Order'd, that all the Prēbries bring in account of what money they have in Town for the Fund.

Adjourned till Ten a clock to morrow morning; the Comittees to meet at nine.

This Sedt concluded wth prayr.

Die Veneris hora decimâ ante merid: Sess: 6a.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra*, except Mr Thomb.

Pursuant to the order of the Synod, Sess: 2a, these who are for the Erection of a new Prēbry at Straban laid their scheme before this Synod, and is as follows:—

A Scheme for the Division of the Prēsbry of Convoy:—

New Prēbries Erected.

THE CONSTITUENT CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRĒBRY OF STRABAN.

STRABAN.

Donagheady	Mr Wynsly.
Lifford	Mr Jo: Ball.
Urney	Mr Will: Holmes.
Darg	Mr Nehemiah Doñaldson.
Ardstraw	Mr Samuel Hallyday.
Badoni	Mr Alexr McCrackan.
Omagh	Mr James Maxwell.
Pettigo	

THE PRESBRY OF LATTERKENNY.

LATTERKENNY.

Convoy	Mr Ferly.
Stranorland	Mr Rob: Wilson.
DoneGall	Mr Jo: Holmes.
Slego	Mr Sam: Henry.
Moywater	
Ramelton	Mr Seth Drumond.
Glandevadock	Mr Charles Lynd.
Dumfanoghy	Mr Ja: Cochren.
Rye	Mr Rob: Campbell.
Donoghmore	Mr Franc: Laird.

THE PRĒBRY OF LNDERRY.

DERRY.

Taboyne	Mr Wm Gray.
Bert	Mr And: Ferguson.
Movill	Mr Ja: Wallace.
Donagh	
Newton Lymavady ..	Mr Cuñingham.
Bellykelly	Mr Jo: Stirling.
Glendermot	Mr Jo: Harvy.
Cumber	Mr Majr Murray
Dungivan	Mr Hans Stuart
Maulin	Mr Jo: Harvy.

Subscrib'd by Mr Will: Homes, Mr Alexr McCracken, Mr Doñaldson, Mr Ball.

Fawne 18. Mr Niñian Cochren.

The reasons of said Division were read and judg'd relevant.

A Minut of the Sub-Synod of Monaghan, desiring the Erection of a Prēbry at Longford, was likewise read, and is as folls:—

A Scheme form'd for two Prēbries, the one to be nam'd the Prēbry of Longford, the other to be nam'd the Prēbry of Augher.

New Prēbries Erected.

LONGFORD PRESBRY.	AUGHER PRESBRY.
Mr Alexr Hamilton.	Mr John McGachine.
Mr Tho: Anderson.	Mr Colthart.
Mr Rutherford.	Mr Maxwell.
Mr Hair.	Mr Baptist Boyd.
Mr Sim.	Mr Plunket.
Mr Rob: Thompson.	Mr Umphry Thomson.
Mr Sam: Dunlop	Mr Alexr Fleming.
Mr Sam: McGachine.	Mr Will: Cornwall.
Mr James Teatt.	Mr Josias Cornwall.
Breachy.	Monahan.
	Kinaird.
	CastleBlaney.

Which, being consider'd, was approv'd.

These Schemes being laid before a Comittee of the following members:—from the Prēbry of Down, Mr Mairs, Mr Ramsey; from Belfast, Mr Jo: McBride, Mr Michael Bruce; from Antrim, Mr Taylor, senr, Mr Brown; fm Tyrone, Mr Maxwel, Mr Keñedy; from Ardmagh, Mr Macclane, Mr Johnston; fm Monahan, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Hair; fm Colrain, Mr McGrigor, Mr Higginbotham; fm Derry, Mr Gray, Mr Ball; fm Convoy, Mr Willm Holmes, Mr Sam: Dunlop; with the aftermention'd Elders—Mr Edwards, Conll Shaw, Capt Thomson, Mr Fisher, Mr Fraser, Mr Potts, Mr Ja: Henry, Mr Case: who overtur'd that Mr Laird of Donohmore be added to the Prēsbry of Latterkenny. These Prēbries are hereby erected, and appointed to meet each of them on the Second Wednesday of Augt. Mr Winsly to preach at Straban, and Mr Sam: Henry to preach at Latterkenny.

The time of the meeting of the Prēbries of Straban and Latterkenny now erected,

Also, the other Prēbries, denominated the Prēsbry of Longford and Augher, are erected, and appointed to meet on second Tuesday of Augt. Mr Hair to preach at Longford, and Mr Willm Cornwall to preach at Augher.

and of Longford and Augher Prēbries.

A Comission from the Congregation of Usher's Key, in Dublin, to Mr Jo: Lord, Mr Richard Norton, Mr Alexr Bagnall, and Mr Walter Howston, to prosecute the Call of that Congregation to Mr Jo: Abernethy, was read.

Usher's Key.

Also, a Comission from the Congregation of Antrim, to Conll Shaw, Capt Jo: Shaw, Mr Jo: Shaw, Mr Will: Keñedy, Captn Will: Johnston, Mr John McMaster, Mr Robert Rainey, senr, Mr Robt Weir, Mr Jo: Brysson, Mr Ja: Bell, Mr Will: Stuart, Mr Bayley, Mr Jo: Kinear, Mr Geo: McMaster, Mr Will: McConchy, Mr Jo: Gray, Mr Jo: Millar, Mr Will: Campbell, Mr Rob: Rainey, junr, Mr Tho: Wilson, Mr Tho: Jackson, Mr Arthur Whiteside, Mr Anthony Duncan, to manage for their Interest with respect to the said affair, were severally read, and the papers relating to the whole affair were read in the following order, vizt—the Call of the Congregation of Usher's Key to Mr Abernethy; a letter fm the Prēbry of Dublin to the Prēbry of Antrim, signifying their concurrence with the said Call; the Minuts of the Prēbry of Antrim relating to the said affair; reasons for the Transportation; the answers of

Antrim.

Papers on both sides were read.

the Congregation of Antrim to the said reasons; a supplication fm̄ the Irish in the bounds of Killilagh, praying for the continuance of Mr Abernethy in Antrim, presented by three of their number, who spake movingly for granting the prayr of their petition; and a petition fm̄ the Congregation of Antrim, for the continuance of their Pastor, Mr Abernethy. Next, the said reasons and answers were read over again alternately, and the Commrs fm̄ both Congregations, and Mr Arbuckle and Mr Abernethy, were severally heard upon each of them.

Parties agreed to lay something before the Interloqr.

A letter from John O'Neill, of Shanes Castle, Esqr, holding out the great disadvantage of removing Mr Abernethy fm̄ Antrim, by reason of his great usefulness in bringing in the Irish to reason and religion, was read; and the parties having thus had opportunity to make their answers and replys, and having both desir'd a liberty to lay several things before the Interloqr of the whole house, we agreed to adjourn now till 4 in the afternoon, and order'd that there be an Interloqr of the whole house at next Meeting.

Mr Samuel MaGachine was allow'd to go home, and Mr Eldar obtain'd leave to go home after the issue of this affair.

It being mov'd that the Comittee of Funds has somewhat of moment to lay before the Interloqr, it was desir'd that it might be brought in at the said Interloqr, wch was granted.

Adjourned till 4 *a merid*:

This Sedt concluded with prayr.

Sess 7a.

Die Ven: horâ 4a post merid:

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert qui supra* in the Interloqr of the whole House.

Mr Charles Lynd obtain'd leave to go home.

The Fund continue on the same foot as formerly.

The Comittee of Funds represented that several of the Members would have the Fund to run in this Chañell—that the several Sessions belonging to this Synod should be askt what they will annually contribute to it, and that no more should be requir'd of them; and others in the Comittee were for the Fund continuing on the same foot as formerly; and, not being able to agree in either of the two as an Overture, they agreed to represent this matter to this Interloqr, that either of the two Schemes may be approv'd as they shall think fitt, and, after its being debated. Agreed, that the Fund continue on the same foot as formerly.

Maherawly.

In pursuance of a former Resolution, the Synod now took into their consideration the affair of Maherawly, and upon that subject the following papers were read, and allow'd by Comittee of Bills to be brought into the Synod.

A Comission fm̄ the Parish of Sea Patrick, a part of the Congregation of Maherawly aforesaid; a Supplication fm̄ the same people; and another Supplication fm̄ their Com̄rs, drawn up since they came hither; a Supplication fm̄ Girvachy, another part of Maherawly Congregāon, with their Supplication: all wch were read.

Agreed to refer this till another Sederunt.

The affair relating to the Conversion of the Irish Papists was resum'd, and the Minuts of the Synod last year relating to it were read, and also it was enquir'd if the orders of last Synod were observ'd, and with what success; and, after several had giv'n acco^{tt} of their diligence, and some success among 'em so labouring, in that pious work. Upon the whole, the Synod came unanimously to this resolution—Considering it has pleas'd God, in His good Providence, to countenance and bless our Endeavours to the conversion of some, this Synod will, in a humble dependance upon the Blessing of God, continue and use their utmost endeavours to further so good a work. The Comittee already nam'd by the Synod to consider the Irish affair is appointed to take this Resolution of the Synod into their consideration, in order to propose Overtures to make that resolution effectual, and Mr Arbukle, Mr Sinclar, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Ramsey, Mr Rainey, with Mr Edwards and Mr Arthur Keñedy, are joyn'd Members to that Comittee.

The Synod resolve to prosecute the good design of converting the Irish Papists.

Eodem die hora 7ª post merid:

Sess: 8va.

Roll being call'd, After pray^{r}.

It being mov'd by the Comittee of Overtures, that we now resume the affair of Usher Key, which motion was readily agreed unto, Mr Arbuckle was desir'd to proceed with his reply to what had been advanc'd by the Com^{rs} of Antrim; and upon this he was fully heard, and afterwards the Comm^{rs} on both sides were heard in all they had to say; and, after the merits of the cause had been a considerable time and very calmly debated, and the Com^{rs} ready to be remov'd, it was propos'd and unanimously agreed to, that a brother be appointed to pray to God for light and direction in the debates and conclusion which the Synod should come to upon that affair; and, accordingly, Mr Alexander Sinclar was appointed to pray; and after pray^{r}, the Com^{rs} on both sides were remov'd, and the Synod, with all deliberation and seriousness, to weigh the reasons that were alleag'd on both sides in this important affair; and it being mov'd that one of the Com^{rs} from Usher Key had left private Instructions with Mr Sinclar to give this Synod assurance of their subjecting themselvs fully to this Synod, upon which some desir'd that a few Members might be sent out to the Com^{rs} as they desir'd themselvs, but others mov'd that they might rather be call'd in; and therefore the state of a vote was—Send out Members to converse with the said Com^{rs} before we call them in, or call them in now? It was carry'd call them in now. They being call'd in, as also the Com^{rs} fm Antrim, the Question was put to 'em, whether they had giv'n the aforesaid Instructions to Mr Alex^{r} Sinclar. They answer'd, that they still reserv'd a liberty to themselvs to joyn with the Synod or not, as they see fitt, and that now, for themselvs, they declar'd their willingness and resolution to subject themselvs to this Synod, upon this express condition, if they obtain their end in desiring Mr Abernethy to be transported to them. The parties being again remov'd, a Question was put—Whether upon what Usher's Key

Usher Key.

Not transport Mr Abernethy fm Antrim to Usher's Key.

has now declar'd, that in case of the desir'd Transportation, the Minister and Congregation will be subject to this Synod; and then it was voted—Whether this previous Question or the main Question, Transport or not? shall be first put; and it carry'd, the main Question; which accordingly was put in these terms—Shall the Synod transport Mr Abernethy from the Congregation of Antrim to the Congregation of Usher's Key, or not? And it carry'd by a great majority, not transport.

A Com: to consider the case of Usher's Key.

A Motion being made, was agreed to, that a Comittee be appointed to consider the case of Usher's Key: Mr Abernethy, Mr Kirpatrick, Mr Michll Bruce, Mr Hugh Ramsey, Mr Gilbert Keñedy, Mr Ja: Bruce, shall be this Comittee, and make report to us.

Adjourn'd till 9 to mor: morning.

This Sess: concluded with prayr.

Sess: 9a.

Die Sat: horâ nona ante merid:

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt*, &c.

The Synod being acquainted with the state of Plunketstreet Congregāon, with respect to their Call to Mr Thomas Macquay, a Probationer, to be Collegue to Mr Alexr Sinclar.

Plunket street.

The Prēsbry of Belfast having represented to this Synod that the Congregation of Plunket street, Dublin, have giv'n a Call to Mr Thomas Macquay (a Probationer), to be their Minister and Collegue to our Revd Brother, Mr Alexr Sinclar; that they have concurr'd with the said Call, and appointed a Comittee of their number to take Mr Macquay's Trials in order to Ordination, in conjunction with the Reverd Prēsbry of Dublin; and that the said Comittee have approv'd all his Trials, and likewise the Prēsbry of Dublin have approv'd of the same; but, there being a difficulty about the Ordination of the said Mr Macquay, they laid the same before us for advice. The difficulty is this—The Congregation of Plunket street are well satisfy'd to continue their relation to this Synod, but in regard of the conveniency of their situation for getting the advice and direction of the Prēbry of Dublin in their affairs, they would chuse rather to be subject to that Prēbry than to any Prēbry in the North, but without prejudice to their relation to this Synod; and finding that the same difficulty occurr'd upon the Call of that Congregation to Mr Samuel Hallyday, and that this Synod did then resolve upon a pacifick expedient for waving that debate, and proceeding to the Installment of Mr Hallyday, the said Prēbry of Belfast askt our advice whether some expedient of that kind may be now resolv'd on for the Ordination of Mr Macquay; and Mr Sinclar and the Comr, Mr Will: Sinclar, from their session, having desir'd that some such expedient may be agreed on as that which they apprehend will be most acceptable to their people; and that they apprehend great inconveniencies would follow upon dismissing that Congregation fm this Synod (which will be unavoidable if such an Expedient be not agreed on), the peace and union of that Congregation may be much endanger'd.

Mr Macquay.

And the Presbry of Belfast having humbly offer'd this expedient to be debated in the Synod, in case the dismiss be refus'd, vizt, the

Ordination of Mr Thomas Macquay may be perform'd by a Comittee of the Prēbry of Belfast, acting in conjunction with the Prēbry of Dublin, and that the said Comittee require of him that he promise to be a member of this Synod, and that he shall be a member of whatsoever Prēsbry his relation shall be fixt to by an amicable brotherly conclusion to be taken afterwards by the Genll Synod and the Prebry of Dublin. Upon the whole, a Comittee was appointed to confer with Mr Sinclar and the Comr fm that Session, and the said Comittee having reported their conference and opinion, and then parties present being fully heard and remov'd, the Synod after much reasoning put the following Question, vizt—Whether shall this Synod dismiss the Congregation of Plunket street from any relation to us, or shall we approve of the Expedient for Mr Macquay's Ordination proposed by the Prēbry of Belfast; and it was carry'd, that we approve of the said Expedient.

An amicable Expedient agreed to for his Ordination (a Collegue to Mr Sinclar) in Plunket street.

The affair of Maherawly, Sea Patrick and Girvachy were resum'd, A Petition fm Daniel Ritchy and others was read, representing the deplorable state of that Countrey, by divisions in that Congregation ; and if the people were tractable there would be a comfortable Congregation in Sea-Patrick, and sufficient Quota to a Minister.

Maherawly, &c.

A Comission and Supplication from Maherawly, desiring that the act of the Comittee at Dromore may be revers'd.

Then the act of the Comittee on the affair of that Countrey, which met by appointmt of last Synod at Dromore, was read.

It was enquir'd whether the appointment of that Comittee has been observ'd. Report was made that Ardmagh Prēbry has joyn'd two towns and a half to Drumara. They joyn'd no more to that Congregation, and joyn'd Ballally and Killaly to Bellyrony, and several others were joyn'd to Bellyrony.

Logh Bricklan reports, ℘ Mr Fraser, that the Comittee joyn'd some people of Sea Patrick to them ; but, thô the people had joyn'd, they could not receive them ; and Lisnassif and Bellykiel were joyn'd to DonohClony by that Comittee, and the Prēbry advis'd them so to do, but they would not so joyn. Also Loghbricklan urg'd that a paper of their reasons may be read. This was oppos'd, because the paper did not come in by the Comittee of Bills. They answered, thô they desir'd the Clerk of that Comittee to give their papr with reasons, but he did not give it.

Drumara complains that, notwithstanding the Synod's appointmt, that the Towns in Maherawly, but joyn'd to Drumara, should pay and contribute to Drumara in building their Meeting House, yet the appointmt was not obey'd.

A Petition from some people in LoghBrickland, who were joyn'd by a Comittee to Bellyrony, do petition their continuance there. Mr Lang, Modr, being concern'd in this affair, desired that another may moderate. Mr Bruce took the chair.

Girvachy complains of great injury done to 'em by appointment of the Comittee at Dromore, and desiring they may be continu'd with Mr Young, their Minister, in whom they have an equal right with any.

Sea Patrick—Samuel Henry desir'd that that people may be continu'd a Congregāon, it not being practicable for them to go elsewhere in winter, because of great waters.

Maherawly—James McClatchy desir'd that the members appointed by the Gen: Synod, some years agoe, to joyn with Drumara, may be oblig'd to obey the same.

All parties being heard, were remov'd.

After long reasoning, a Question was put—Whether this Synod will confirm the act of the Comittee at Dromore, or not? But before this Question it was agreed that Mr Lang, Mr Moor, Mr Campbell shall be call'd in to give us further light. They being come in and reasoning on the subject, several Schemes were propos'd, vizt—that a part of Maherawly joyn with Sea Patrick; that the Meeting house of Drumara be remov'd, so as Girvachy may have convenient access thither; that Bellyrony Meeting house be also remov'd, to which the remaining part of Girvachy may be joyn'd: by this means some people of Bellynahinch that are joyn'd to Drumara, may return to Bellynahinch.

Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Ramsey, Mr Livingston were appointed to go out and converse with the parties.

Agreed, that the Brethren who can reach their Congregāons so as they may preach to them to morrow may go off at Eleven a clock this day, but return on Munday.

The Brethren who stay in Town are to meet this afternoon in a Comittee about the Fund, and upon the Irish; also, to meet at eight of the Clock on Munday Morning.

Adjourn'd till Munday at 3 a clock *a merid:*

After pray^r, this Sed^t dismiss'd.

Sess: 10^a.

Die Lunæ horâ 3^a post Merid:

After pray^r, Roll being call'd, *Seder^t* &c.

Mr Darroch.

The Comittee of Overtures propos'd that the Synod now proceed in order to Mr Darrogh's Excomunication. Agreed, to refer this till afterward.

Robt Weir.

Mr Robert Weir, formerly mention'd, is now come. His Supplication being read, was consider'd.

Charity.

The Synod being well inform'd that he has gone through several places with a Brief, before the recomendation granted to him by last Synod, which might occasion his receiving so little, the people not being able to pay twice; this was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures, who are to overture hereupon.

Maherawly, &c.

Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Ramsay, Mr Liviston, made report that they converst with the Comm^rs of Maherawly and Sea Patrick; that Maherawly is willing to joyn with Sea Patrick, if they will build their Meeting house in such central place as they may have convenient access to it. Seapatrick reply'd that they can't move their Meeting-house, it being now built. The place where it's now built hath several conveniencies, which they can't propose in any place desir'd by

Maherawly. Girvachy said they are so remote from Seapatrick or the Meeting house built at Ban-bridg, that they can't joyn there.

The aforesaid Ministers overtur'd that the parish of Maherawly and Seapatrick continue one united Congregāon under the care of their Pastor, Mr Sam: Young; that he preach in the Meeting house of Maherawly and SeaPatrick *per vices* for the ensueing year; and that the denomination of the parish of Girvachy, annext to Drumara and Bellyrony by the Comittee at Dromore, continue according to that annexation; and that the other part of Girvachy which dos not lye so conveniently to joyn with any of these congregations, do joyn themselves to what congregation they please for the same time.

Mr Young to preach at Maheraly and SeaPatrick, *per vices* for a year.

The Synod call'd the Comittee for the Irish to make report, who accordingly report that they agree to lay those Overtures before the Synod for their approbation.

First, that the Overture made by the Irish Comittee at Newry, concerning the method of raising a Fund, be now recomended and enacted by the Synod, and Enquiry be now made what the several Prēbries have done therein.

Adjourn'd till 8 to mor: morn:

This Sedert concluded with prayr.

Die Martis horâ 8a *ante merid:* Sess: 11a.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert* &c.

The Prēsbry of Rout are appointed to pay what money they had for Mr Stuart, of Glens, and Mr Dunlop, of Athlone, in proportion to their applottments, and are order'd, at their first Sederunt, to enquire into the state of their accounts. Rout Prēbry.

The Prēsbry of Monahan referr'd to the Synod a case concerning Mr William Cornwall's dimission fm his Congregation at Augher, giv'n in to them. The reasons to support it are the inconveniency of his dwelling house, by reason of its distance fm the Meeting house, and the great arrear the Congregation is in to him, and his bodily indisposition. The Synod having heard Mr Cornwall and the Synod of Monahan, did agree to refer this matter to the Prēbry of Monahan, to meet on the second Tuesday of Augt next, with Correspondts—fm Tyrone, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Hugh Wallace; fm Ardmagh, Mr Hutcheson, Mr McKay; fm Straban, Mr Maxwell; fm Longford, Mr Hare and Mr Samll McGachy: and if matters do not then appear clear, that they refer this affair to the Synod of Monaghan. Mr Wm Cornwall, Augher. Prēsbry of Monahan.

The Prēsbry of Antrim was askt if they observ'd the Minut of last Synod concerning Mr Rob: Sturgeon, and what report they have to make. They now reported that they had oft examined Mr Sturgeon, and it's their opinion that he hath neither a natural Capacity nor learning any way equal to the work of the Ministry, and therefore advis'd him to lay aside the thoughts of the Ministry, and that he betake himself to some other way of living. This advice was confirm'd unanimously by this Synod. Mr Sturgeon was advis'd to lay aside any thoughts of the Ministry.

Adjourn'd till 4 *a merid:*

This Sedert concluded with prayr.

Sess: 12

Die Martis horâ 4 *post merid:*

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Seder^{t}* &c.

The Prēsbry of Rout is to pay to Mr Stuart, of Glen, what money they have in hand at their first meeting, and, as soon as can be, lift up the rest of the arrears due to him.

Mrs Pringle.

A Petition from Mrs Pringle, desiring that Ten pounds due to her husband, a Min^{r} at Moywater, which the Gen: Synod had promised to him, should be paid to her. Order'd, that every Minister belonging to this Synod shall pay to her two shill^{s}, to be collected at next meeting of the Prēsbry by their Clerks, and be transmitted for her use to Mr Henry, of Slego.

Glendivadock.

A Petition from Glandivadock, desiring that twelve pounds, at least, annually, should be giv'n to 'em out of the fuud. This was referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

Moywater.

Slego.

A Supplication from Moywater was read. The Synod having considred the contents thereof, agree to order the Congregations foll^{ing}, vizt, Derry, Bert, Glendermot, Taboyne and Balendret, all in the Prēbry of Derry, to pay to Mr Wallace, of Moywater, fifteen pnds, that being his proportion of the Fund due to him for last year. This money to be paid to him in his way home. The Clerk to give an extract of this to Mr Wallace.

It was recomended to the Comittee of Funds to see if an addition can be made to Moywater.

Mr Samuel Henry.—His case was consider'd, and earnestly recomended to the Prēbry of Derry to do him justice. There appear'd due to him, by the Prēbry of Derry, fourteen pound thirteen shill: and eightpence, as by account stated and sustain'd by this Synod formerly.

Order'd, that Derry Prēbry advance him the said money as soon as possible; particularly, that Bellykelly, Newton Lymavady, pay to him in his way home their proportion of the Fund; this not to interfere with the order on the Congregāons of Derry, Bert, Glendermot, Taboyne, Balendret, who are order'd to pay to Mr Wallace as above said.

Societies:—

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The Comittee that was appointed to Overture with reference to Ushers Key propos'd that a letter, to be subscrib'd by Mod^{r} and Clerk, be writ to that Session; which was writ, approv'd, and subscrib'd.

Adjourn'd till 8 to morrow morning.

This Seder^{t} concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 13.

Die Mercur: horâ 8^{a} *ante merid:*

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Seder^{t} &c.*

A Supplication from Mr John Riddell, that the Synod would take some method that his arrears be paid to him, was read. The Synod earnestly recomēnds to the Prēbry of Belfast to see that Glenavy do him justice before that Congregāon be planted. Mr Riddell, Glenavy.

The case of Mr Hugh Henry, of Droheda, with respect to the arrear due to him by the Prēsbry of Belfast, was consider'd, and recomēnded to that Prēsbry to state accots with him by to morrow at night, and pay him speedily some considerable part of said arrear. Otherwise, the Synod will order it to be deducted out of their Regm Don: Mr Henry, Dda.

The affair of Drumāra being resum'd, the Synod orders that Congregāon to make their demands of arrears on the five Towns of Girvachy before the Prēsbry of Ardmagh, and if it appear to them that that people has paid to Maherawly the money they should have paid to Drumāra, the Prēbry shall order Mr Young to refund it; and if it appear to the Prēbry that Mr Young receiv'd no more than what his Congregāon was oblig'd to pay him, that they order the Congregation to pay it to Mr Young. Drumarah.

Mr Nevin desiring to be reliev'd fm being Treasurer fm the Prēbry of Down, we agree to nominate Mr James Reid.

It being represented to the Synod that the applotment on some Congregations in several Prēbries is not equal in proportion to their abilities, this Synod orders the Prēbries to make a new applottment, more proportionable to the abilities of the several Congregations; and if the Congregation do not pay according to the applottment agreed on by the Prēbry, then it shall be laid before the respective Sub-Synods. Applott equally on Congregations.

Agreed, that Ministers and Elders, having represented the state of their Congregation, shall withdraw while the Prēbry settles the proportion of that Congregation.

It being represented to this Synod that Mr John McGachy stops in his own hands six pound, which the Prēbry of Monahan ought to have paid to Dundalk, the Synod's rule relating to that was read, and in pursuance of the said rule it was agreed, that an order be giv'n to Mr Bryce Blair, of Belfast, to stop in his hands Mr McGahy's Reg: Don: till it come to the Sum of six pounds, and Mr MaGahy to be heard at next Gen: Synod before this money be apply'd to the use intended in that rule; but, in case Mr MaGahy shall, before that time, pay the money to Mr Simson, of Dundalk, Mr Blair shall, upon a letter fm Mr Simson acknowledging the receit of the said money, give Mr MaGahy his proportion of Reg: Don: which by this order is stopt. Stop Mr MaGahy's R: D: till 6 pound due to Dundalk be paid.

Mr Abernethy is appointed to write to Mr MaGahy on this affair, which letter was writ, and approv'd. Ordered, that it be transmitted ℘ next Post.

Adjourn'd till 3 *a merid:*

This Sess: concluded with prayr.

Die Mercur: horâ 3a a merid: Sess: 14a.

After prayr, Roll being call'd, *Sedert* &c.

Mr Samll Dunlop and Mr John Holmes obtain'd leave to go home to morrow morning.

Robert Weir, Charity.

The Comittee of Overtures propos'd, with reference to Robert Weir, a person in distress, who was recomended to last Synod, that his case be recomended to the Congregations who have not contributed upon the Brief, that they give him one day's collection, according to appointment of last General Synod.

Directions to the Prēsbry of Monahan in their procedure with Mr Darroch.

Also, in reference to Mr Darrogh, this Synod advises the Prēsbry of Monahan to proceed by regular steps to the Sentence of the greater Excomunication against him if he continue impenitent; and, in order to that, Mr William Cornwall and Mr Sim are appointed to take an opportunity to converse with him, and lay his sin before him, and exhort him to repentance, and desiring him to attend the Prēbry; and the Prēsbry is to take care that full proof of the facts they charge him with since his deposition, and which have giv'n scandal; and they are report their diligence to the Synod of Ardmagh, and receive further directions fm them.

Orders about a dimission, if laid before Belfast Prēsbry.

The Synod, upon report of the Comittee appointed to frame an Overture with respect to Capelstreet and Derry, agreed to advise the Prēsbry of Belfast, in case a dimission come before them fm Mr Robert Craghead, to proceed in the ordinary method; and if there appear to them any difficulty in the case, then they are to call Correspondts fm the neighboring Prēbries.

The late Comittee at Newry having referr'd the Supplies of Capel street (during Mr Iredell's absence on the affairs of this Church) to this Synod, the Supplies now appointed are as follows :—

Supplies to Capel Street in absence of Mr Iredell.

Capelstreet to be supply'd by Mr Alexr Sinclar on Sabbath come sevenight, and by Mr Milikin, a member of Tyrone Prēsbry, on Sabbath come fortnight, who is to continue four Sabbaths, unless Mr Iredell come home sooner, that Prēsbry bearing his Charges. Mr Macclane is to advertise Mr Milikin timeously of this appointment. Mr Nehemiah Doñaldson to supply the moneth following, if Mr Iredell do not come home before that time, of which he is to be advertis'd by Capelstreet, the Prēbry of Straban to bear his Charges.

Jo: Kyle, Samll Smith, junr, not being in need, not collect for them.

A Petiion fm John Kyle, of Belfast, and another fm Mr Samuel Dunlop, of Athlone, setting forth that they have receiv'd nothing of the money allow'd by last Synod to help to defray the Charges they were at in defending their marriag, solemniz'd by Minrs of our Comunion, were read. Upon this, the Minut relating to Mr Samll Smith, junr, and John Kyle being consider'd, the Synod came to this resolution :—That seing there is such a burden on the Synod already, and we find that any design to contribute to the defraying the Charge of these persons has giv'n such very great offense to the most of the Countrey, that some of them publickly declare if it go on they will not give any contribution to any Publick Funds any more.

And we hear that the two Sessions of Belfast, where these persons live, have come to a resolution not to bear any part of their Expence, as not judging them in need of it. We therefore think it advisable

that this Synod lay aside any thoughts of raising the money applotted by us for 'em.

And thô we believe Mr Dunlop's case is very hard, with respect both to his Charges in the said suit and arrears on the Fund, yet, considering that we have rejected others in almost the like circumstances, we judge fitt to lay aside for a time any design to repair his loss that way. But that we may make as speedy and effectual payment of his arrears as possible, being inform'd that Mr Woodside and Mr Clark are considerably deficient in paying their applottment, we therefore order Mr Blair to stop their Reg: Donum till they satisfy their Prēbry; and do also appoint the Prēsbry of Rout, at first meeting, to state accounts with Mr Dunlop, and empower them to stop the Reg: Don: off any other member they shall judge to have been remiss in this matter.

Mr Dunlop, of Athlone.

Orders to raise his proportion of the Fund.

It being observ'd that some members of Rout Prēbry are absent frequently, we order said Prēbry to call such members to an accott for their absence fm̄ sevll Synods, and censure them as they shall appear to deserve; and if the said Prēsbry shall neglect to censure them, the Prēbry shall be censur'd at next Synod; and if any member be censur'd by the Prēbry, the said Censure is to be entred in the Synod minuts.

This order to be laid on Derry.

It being remarkt that Ardmagh Prēsbry is very much deficient to Lurgan, Dundalk, and VeniCash in the Fund, we order the said Prēsbry, at their first meeting, to lay down such proper methods for paying said arrears, and to empower them to stop the Reg: Don: off any member whom they shall judge to have been remisse in this matter, or will not engage to make speedy payment of their arrears; and if the Prēbry fail to put this order in due execution, the said arrear shall be stopt out of their Reg: Don: in general. The Brethren agreed to have the fraternal Censures this night, having agreed to have another sederunt to morrow morning.

Ardmagh deficient, order thereupon.

Down Prēsbry being remov'd, were approv'd, only Mr Gawdy was not here this week. Mr Smith, Mr MontGomery, went away on Tuesday.

Belfast Prēsbry were all present and approv'd.

Antrim Prēsbry was remov'd. It was observ'd that some of them did shew more indecent heat than convenient in the managemt of the affair betwixt Ushers Key and Antrim. They being call'd in, this was told to them: were otherwise approv'd.

Agreed, if any member ask leave to go away, before he go away he shall go out, and the Synod consider his behaviour during the time of the Synod.

Tyrone Prēbry was remov'd. Mr Maxwel was not here since Tuesday. Mr John Keñedy went away last week.

Ardmagh Prēsbry was remov'd. Mr Colvill was not here this week. Mr Young, Mr Gilbert Keñedy, went away on Tuesday. Mr McKay was not here this week. Mr Anderson was not here this week.

Fraternal Censures.

Monahan Prēsbry was remov'd. Mr Umphry Thompson went away on Tuesday. Mr Hair, Mr Rob: Thomson, were not here this week.

Colerain Prēbry was remov'd. Mr Cochren was not here this week.

Derry Prēsbry.—None of them is here. Mr Tho: Harvy, M^{r} Jo: Stirling, Mr Gray, Mr Hans Stuart, were not here this week. Mr Gray and Mr Stirling are first to be call'd to an account.

Convoy Prēsbry was remov'd. Approv'd. The Moderator and Clerk were remov'd and approv'd.

Down Prēbry to revise a Scheme of Discipline.

A Motion was made that there is a Scheme of our Discipline compos'd by Mr Ja^{s} Bruce, which may be transmitted to the several Prēbries, who may peruse the same and make report. Agreed, that the Prēsbry of Down peruse it, and upon their approbation they may transmit it to the Prēsbries, who may examine it and report to next Synod.

Adjourn'd till 8 to morrow morning.

This Sederunt concluded wth pray^{r}.

Die Jovis horâ octava ante merid:

After pray^{r}, Roll being call'd, *Sederunt*, &c.

Write to Synod of Argile.

Mr Kirkpatrick is appointed to write the answer of this Synod to the letter from the Synod of Argile.

Derry Prēbry is appointed to pay their Viaticum to Mr Macclane, Probationer, out of Reg: Don:, and Monahan to do the same.

Mr Kirkpatrick to write to the Prēbry of Dublin, and give an account of the Overture we have agreed to with respect to the delegation.

The Comittee for a Scheme of Discipline (entitled a Directory for Church Discipline, collected out of the Holy Scriptures and the Practice, Acts, and Canons of the Purest Primitive and best Reform'd Churches), brought in an Overture about transmitting Copies of it to every Prēsbry, and for the strict examination of it, which was agreed to *in terminis*, and is as follows :—

Transmit a copy of the Directory for Discipline to the Prēbries.

This Synod having read a considerable part of the Directory for Church Discipline, presented to them by a Comittee appointed by last Gen^{ll} Synod, and having a report of diverse Brethren who have read the rest of it, do judge the whole work to be worthy of our consideration; and, in order to the more accurate and strict examination of it, we appoint the Clerk to send a Copy of the Directory to each Prēbry, for which each Prēbry is to pay him Twenty shill^{s}; that the Copies shall be writ only on the one side of the paper, leaving the other side blank; and each Prēbry shall carefully examine it, and when they are ag^{t} any Article or for any amendment of it, they are to write their judgment and remarks upon the blank side of the leaf on which the s^{d} Article is contain'd. The Synod's Comittee is to meet in Belfast on the first Tuesday

of May, to consider the remarks of the several Prēbries on the said Directory, and to declare their judgment of the same in writing to the ensueing Gen^ll Synod; and it being improbable that the Comittee can finish this work in one week, each member shall have a Supply for his Congregation, appointed by the Prēsbry to which he belongs. That a Copy be sent to the Prēbry of Dublin, Mr Alex^r Sinclar having so desir'd.

It being propos'd that forty pound be the minimum for the Erecting of new Congregāons, Agreed to recomend this to the serious considerāon of the several Prēbries, and that they report their judgm^t thereof at next Gen^ll Synod.

A Motion being made, that some have gone fm Bellynahinch to Drumara irregularly—there being noe Com^r here fm Drumara, Agreed to refer this to next Synod, at which time parties concern'd are to attend. B:hinch.

A Motion fm LoghBricklan, that families are taken off them and joyn'd to Bellyrony, and noe Equivalent for these families is giv'n to them—none fm Bellyrony being present, this also is referr'd to next Synod, at which time parties are to attend.

Willm Scot to continue in LoghBrickland congregation till next Synod, if he please. L:Bricklan.

The Moderator to advertise Mr Hutcheson of the new Erection of Prēsbries in the Upper Countrey that are to meet in Augt next.

An Overture brought in by several members of the Prēsbry of Rout, and is as follows:—

Whereas the number of Ministers of this Synod is considerably encreast, and, by reason of the multiplicity of business, we are und^r a necessity of sitting the greatest part of two weeks, whereby the congregations distant fm the place of our meeting generally want sermon at least one Lord's day; and, further, because many of the Ministers cannot stay till the end of the Synod, some very important affairs must be left undone, or manag'd by a few who live nearest to Belfast, it is therefore propos'd that the Scheme for a Synod by delegation be reviv'd, and that the several Prēbries have it under their consideration till next Synod, and come prepar'd then finally to determine in it, and that it be the first business this Synod shall enter upon. An overture to consider the affair of delegation.

This Overture was agreed to, only three contradictory voices; and Mr John Mairs desir'd his dissent against it might be entred.

The Comittee of the whole House.

The Irish Comittee Overtures as follows:—

1. That the two Irish Societies should be continu'd, the first of which to meet at Derry on the first Tuesday of Augt next, the second at Ardmagh on the second Tuesday of Aug^t—Mr Simpson to preach at Ardmagh, Mr Dunlop to preach at Derry. Overtures from the Irish Comittee.

2. That Mr Higginbottam be appointed to go to Athlone and preach among the Irish in those parts, as he has encouragm^t; and also go and

preach in Irish at Dublin, if invited, or as directed by the Prēbry of Dublin.

3. That these Societies be continu'd quarterly till next Gen: Synod, and have sermon at each meeting.

4. That Mr Macclane preach in part of the County of Ardmagh, Monahan, and Tyrone, at Benburb, Dungeñan, Stewarton, Cookestown, and Minterbirn, Kinaird, VeniCash, LoghGall, Kedy, and Monahan town.

Mr Simpson to preach in any place of the County of Downe where he may have an Irish congregation and audience; in any part of the County of Ardmagh not allotted to Mr Macclane; as also in part of the County of Monaghan.

M^r McGregor in the County of Derry, Antrim, and part of Tyrone, Mahera, Dawsons Bridg, Coah, and Monymore.

Mr Dunlop in the bounds of Convoy Prēsbry, and the County of DoneGall.

5. That the Ministers in whose congregations the Irish sermons are to be should carefully visit the Irish after such sermons, in order to promote their conversion.

6. That there be a Comittee to direct the Irish affairs.

7. The Prēbries in whose bounds Irish sermons are to supply the Congregation of such Ministers as are call'd to preach in Irish.

8. That endeavours be us'd to keep Mr Macclane, Probationer, in the Countrey, in order to his preaching among the Irish.

9. That Mr Macclane, of Markethill, agree with his own Prēsbry when he can supply the places nam'd, and have his own congregation supply'd; and that Down Prēbry supply Mr Simpson's Congregation; and that the Prēsbry agree about the time and maner of their Supplies before they leave this place; and that Convoy Prēbry supply Mr Dunlop's charge. Mr Higinbottam's congregation to be supply'd by Rout Prēbry; and McGregor's congregation to be supply'd by the Prēbries in whose bounds he is employ'd.

10. That the keeping of a convenient Fast about the conversion of the Irish be recomended to the sev^ll Prēbries and Sessions, to be observ'd in their bounds so soon as may be; and a General Fast for this and other matters. Mr Kirkpatrick to present the Reasons of this Fast to the Synod.

11. That, in order to defraying the necessary charges that such a work will require, a letter be writ to the Prēbry of Dublin to contribute to so good a work, and particularly to Mr Higinbottam; and that the order of the Comittee at Newry concerning the Fund be observ'd, that each Minister supplying in Irish have twenty shill: for every Sabbath day he preaches, to be paid to him by the Prēsbry in whose bounds he preaches; and the Prēbries are to raise the money forthwith and pay it as soon as they have the sermon in Irish; and the Prēbries are to make their appointm^ts concerning the Irish Supplies, and to notify to him whom they will call the Suppliers before the close of this Synod.

And that it be mov'd that each Minister subscribe what he will mortify of his Reg: Donum for so good a work, and what is so mortify'd to be dispos'd only by the donors; and that due endeavours be us'd for obtaining subscriptions fm̄ all fitt persons of certain sums mortify'd to the same purpose.

Which Overtures were agreed to with these amendments :—

To that respecting the Quota to be giv'n to an Irish Minr there is this amendment: that the Prēbry which calls him be judge what is to be allow'd to him for each Sabbath day—ten shill: the minimum, twenty shill: the maximum. The Probationers who are to supply that Minister's Congregation during his absence are to have from six to ten shill:, as the Prēbry who sends 'em shall judge.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

DOWN.

Mr James Bruce, ..	£3 : –
Mr Tho: Orr, ..	2 : 10 : –
Mr Sam: Sheñan, ..	3 : –
Mr Maccalpin, ..	2 : –
Mr Biggar, ..	7 : –
Mr Reid, ..	3 : –
Mr Ramsay, ..	6 : –
Mr Nevin, ..	7 : –

BELFAST.

Mr Alexr Sinclar, his proportion of Reg: Don:, and Mr Kirkpk his share of R: D:, till it make 20 pñds.	
Mr And: Craford, ..	2 : –
Mr John Riddell, ..	3 : –
Mr Rob: Sinclar, ..	2 : –
Mr Ja: Stuart, ..	2 : –
Mr Wirling, ..	2 : –
Mr Harper, ..	3 : –
Mr Michll Bruce, ..	3 : –
Mr Patrick Bruce, ..	3 : –

ANTRIM.

Mr Brown, ..	3 : –
Mr Abernethy, ..	5 : –
Mr Masterton, ..	2 : –
Mr Liviston, ..	2 : –
Mr Crichton, ..	2 : –
Mr Tho: Shaw, in two years, ..	20 : –
Mr Tho: Wilson, ..	2 : –
Mr Henderson, ..	2 : –
Mr Getty, ..	2 : –
Mr Ja: White, ..	5 : – : –

IN THE OTHER PRĒBRIES.

Mr Baptist Boyd, ..	2 : –
Mr Milikin, ..	2 : –
Mr Hu: Wallace, ..	2 : –
Mr Lang, ..	4 : –
Mr Fleming, ..	2 : –
Mr Rainey, ..	6 : –
Mr Simson, ..	2 : –
Mr Hu: Henry, ..	2 : –
Mr Jo: Campbell, ..	2 : –
Mr David Sim, ..	2 : –
Mr MaGregor, ..	2 : –
Mr Wm Boyd, ..	3 : –
Mr Higinbottam, ..	4 : –
Mr Porter, ..	2 : –
Mr Haltridg, ..	2 : –
Mr Rob: McBride, ..	5 : – : –
Mr Jo: Cochren, ..	2 : –
Mr Sam: Henry, ..	2 : –
Mr Sam: Dunlop, ..	2 : –
Mr Jo: Holmes, ..	3 : –
Mr Ja: Wallace, ..	2 : –
Mr Doñaldson, ..	5 : –
Mr Victor Ferguson,	5 : – : –
Tho: Edwards, Esqr,	100 : – : –
Capt Ja: Stevenson, ..	3 : –
Mr Rob: Gordon, ..	2 : – : –

Interloq^{r} 1st.

Abstain fm publick houses in time of Sedt.

Pursuant to the order of last Gen: Synod, that Minut appointing all Ministers to abstain fm going to publick houses in the time of any Sederunt was read, and earnestly presst and recomended by the Moderator; and each Prēsbry is order'd to recomend it to their sev^{ll} members.

Prevent offence to the Rul: Elders.

It was mov'd by some Br^{n} that Elders were much offended at, and think themselves overlookt by managing business too much in Interloq^{rs}. To prevent any ground for such complaint for the time to come, all agree to the following Overture—That noe public business which is to be canvass'd in the Synod shall be referr'd to the Interloq^{r}, unless one of the Comittees of the Synod, or a Prēsbry, desire that the business be consider'd in an Interloq^{r}. 2. That the hours of open Synod be punctually observ'd, and whenever the hour comes, the Mod^{r} shall order the doors to be set open. 3. That the Interloq^{r} meet every evening at the end of the Sederunt of open Synod.

2.

Mr Darroch subpoena'd Min^{rs}.

The Prēsbry of Monahan made this representation of Mr Darrogh's case:—Mr Willm Cornwall made report that Mr Darrogh had subpoena'd himself and Mr Hutcheson. It was enquir'd upon what cause they were subpoena'd. Some of the Prēsbry said that the said Darroch had writ several letters about arrear of stipend, and it was believ'd that on that account he subpoena'd those Ministers and some others. Some others added that Mr Hutcheson's Bill, which he has receiv'd, particularly mention'd Reg: Don: It was acknowledg'd that thô they had appointed some to speak to Mr Darroch to bring him to a sense of his sin, yet they had not gone, some oft alleaging for their reason that they did apprehend he would take advantage ag^{t} them by putting them to expence at law; and, hearing that he continues still obstinate in his wicked courses, we all judg'd his case to be such that in conscience we are oblig'd to proceed to inflict the highest Censure of the Church; and all proper steps be immediately taken to inflict the same; and agree, whatever expence any may be at in either of these should be made a comon charge.

Proceed ag^{t} him according to rules.

It was now propos'd that we should consider if Mr Darroch's baptising be lookt upon as valid or not; and, after much reasoning of the Members, we came to this vote—Is it expedient to determine this case now, or not? It was carry'd in the Negative.

Mr Sam^{ll} Dunlop paid twenty three shill: to Mr White as the proportion of Convoy Prēbry, for transporting Mr Macclane, the preacher in Irish, from Scotland.

THE SOCIETY.

Tho: Edwards, Esqr, Mr Biggar, Mr Shaw, Mr Kirkpatrick, for Mr Nevin Mr Ramsey, for Mr Abernethy Mr White, for two Bruces Mr Wirling, Mr Harper, Mr Craford, Mr Sinclar.

These persons being qualify'd for members, we now erect them into a Society, and order them to meet to morrow morning at eight a clock to lay down such preliminary rules as they shall think fitt, and to order Mr Rob: Rainey and Mr Rob: McBride to assist the said Society to take in subscriptions to the said Fund; and do recomend it to every Prēsbry, at their first Sedert, to take the subscriptions of such Members as are absent now. Society abt the Fund.

Mr Sim mov'd that the Prēsbry of Monahan, having a letter fm a Noble person, desiring their assistance to his dissenting Tenants to erect a Meeting House, the said Prēbry thinking this matter too weighty for themselves to manage, did therefore desire leave to lay it before this Synod. Upon which Mr Rainey engag'd to advance forty shill:, Mr Milikin ten shill:, Capt Stephenson ten shill:, Mr McBride ten shill: every year, Mr Liviston ten shill:, Mr Dunlop ten shill:, Mr Lang ten shill:, Mr Young a Crown, Mr Craford five shill:, Mr Harvy a Crown, Mr Ramsey a Crown, Mr Simpson ten shill:, Mr Biggar a Crown, Mr Nevin ten shill: Assistance to erect a Meeting House.

The Comittees to meet at 7; and Synod at ten to morrow morning.

The Interloqr Minuts of last Synod were read.

The Minut relating to the Comencement of the payment of Reg: Don: to Minrs was observ'd, and that relating to the Gentmen's accepting of Comissions in the Array and Militia was likewise observ'd.

Agreed, that a Comittee be now appointed to examine Mr Blair's accots of Reg: Don: The Members are as follows:—fm Down, Mr Mairs; fm Belfast, Mr Michll Bruce; fm Antrim, Mr Brown; fm Tyrone, Mr Thomas Keñedy; fm Ardmagh, Mr Ja: Fleming; fm Monaghan, Mr David Sim; fm Rout, Mr McGregor; fm Convoy, Mr Sam: Henry, fm Derry, Mr Ball: who are to make report to morrow morning, & bring in an Overture to lessen the Charges of transmitting Reg: Don: to the sevll Prēbries. Exam: Accots of R: D:

The Interloqr agreed to enquire into the state of our public affairs and order'd the Minuts of the Comittee at Newry to be read, which was done; and, after some consideration of their proceedings, the said Comittee was therein unanimously approv'd. Report of the Synod's Comittee and of our public affairs.

Enquiry was made if the money appointed for that service was lifted and sent to Mr Isaac McCartney and Mr Hugh Henry. It appear'd that all the Prēbries had giv'n an order on Bryce Blair to pay their proportion out of the first of Reg: Don: that shall come to his hand; or had remitted the money to Mr Isaac McCartney or Mr Hugh Henry. It was represented to the Interloqr that there was ten pound ℘ Cent: expence to get Bills of Exche, and this was recomended to the Comittee of Funds to applot this additional charge on the several Prēsbries, & to bring an Overture for the speedy payment of it.

This Interloqr having receiv'd information of the conduct of our Commrs in London, do heartily approve the same, and do now agree to appoint a Comittee to receive the report of the said Commrs when they return; and, whereas they have intimated to us that there will be a necessity for some Commrs to go over again before next Session of Par- Order thereupon.

liam^{t}, we agree to order the same Comittee to concert proper measures for the affairs to be manag'd, to name the Comm^{rs}, give them Instructions, order the time of their going over.

Pay the arrear of the 200£ to our Com^{rs}.

Whereas it appears there is a great deficiency in the first two hundred pounds applotted for our last Comm^{rs} that were at London, we order the same to be made up, that every Prēsbry shall bring in their arrear against the Meeting of the said Comittee, or the said Comittee shall be empower'd to give an order on their Reg: Don:

Pay for Clerk of the Com: at Newry.

This Interloq^{r} enquir'd if the several Prēbries had paid the Clerk's Fees for his service at Newry, each Prēbry paying twelve shill: It appears that only the Prēbry of Belfast has paid. Order'd, that who do not pay in the afternoon twelve shill: it is to be deducted fm every Prēbry out of Reg: Don: An order to be giv'n accordingly.

Ordered, that the sev^{ll} Prēbries name their members of the Synod's fixt Comittee at next Sederunt.

Comittees to meet at 3 a clock *a merid:*

Interloq^{r} 3.

The Prēsbries, according to appointm^{t}, return'd the names of their members of the Synod's fixt Comittee for Emergents relating to this Church, which return, with some amendm^{ts}, was approv'd, and is as follows :—

The Synod's Committee.

From Down.	Belfast.	Antrim.
M^{r} Ja: Bruce.	Mr Kirkpatrick.	Mr Pettigrew.
Mr Tho: Orr.	Mr Mich: Bruce.	Mr Abernethy.
M^{r} Ja: Maccalpin.	Mr Harper.	Mr Liviston.
M^{r} Ja: Reid.	Mr Craford.	Mr Henderson.

Tyrone.	Ardmagh.	Monahan.
Mr Milikin.	Mr Hutcheson.	Mr Wm Cornwall.
M^{r} McClave.	Mr Lang	Mr Sam: McGahy.
M^{r} Jo: Keñedy.	M^{r} Ja: Fleming.	Mr Sim.
M^{r} Hu: Wallace.	M^{r} Ja: Moor.	Mr Plunket.

Rout.	Derry.	Convoy.
Mr Woodside.	M^{r} Jo: Harvy.	Mr Wynsly.
Mr Haltridg.	Mr Ferguson.	Mr Ball.
Mr Porter.	Mr Gray.	Mr Laird.
M^{r} McBride.	Mr Stirling.	M^{r} Jo: Holmes.

15 the Quorum.

The Quorum to be fifteen. DunGeñan to be the place of meeting; but if there be a meeting with the Ministers of Dublin, about affairs of general concern, the meeting of this Comittee shall be at Newry. And if the persons empower'd to call the Comittee represent the necessity of Gen^{t}men being there, in that case each Prēbry is to have two Gen^{t}men who may joyn in the said Comittee, vizt:—fm Down,

Capt Maxwell, Mr Blackwood; Belfast, Mr Arthur Keñedy, Capt Brice; Antrim, Capt Jo: Shaw, Capt Wm McCullogh; Tyrone, Mr Will: Cuñingham, Mr Howston; Ardmagh, Capt Malcom McNeil, Mr Ja: Johnston; Monahan, Capt Will: Cairns, Capt Francis Wilson, of Longford; Rout, Capt Edward Galland, Capt John Thompson; Derry, Capt Jo: Harvie, Aldr Macky; Convoy, Tho: Edwards, Esqr, Capt Henderson. The Comittee meeting by themselves without any Brethren fm Dublin, to met at DunGeñan as aforesaid. Mr Iredell and our Brn in Dublin to call the Comittee for this year.

The Comittee to draw up a Scheme for a constant Fund for public pious uses, gave in a Scheme, which was read and, with some amedments, agreed to: is as follows :—

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Continue R: D: to Ministers' Widows, &c.

It was propos'd and agreed to, that seeing by this fund there is noe provision made for Ministers' Widows and Orphans, that the proportion of Reg: Don: which any Minister dies posesst of, his Widow and Children shall continue to receive it during the vacancy of the Congregation he was pastor of when he died; and this take place now to all Widows and Orphans where the congregation is now vacant, the Prēsbry to be judges of the case of the Widows and Children.

It's also agreed that every Minister pay yearly five thirteens at least towards support of Ministers' Widows and Children.

The Comittee of Funds made report as follows :—

Pay the 20£ in Mr Blair's hand.

In order to the payment of the Exchange for the Two hundred pounds to our Comrs, it's order'd that the Twenty pounds in Mr Blair's hand be apply'd to that use, and what proportion of it any Prēsbry have lifted they are to refund it immediately, or it shall be taken out of their R: D:

Mr Blair gives Security.

We appointed one of our number to go to Mr Blair and inform him that the Synod expects security fm him this afternoon, and do name the following persons to be put in the bonds :—Mr Ramsey, Mr Lang, Mr Hickinbottom; and the bond was accordingly perfected and agreed to.

242 pound allow'd to our Commrs.

The Synod came to this resolution with respect to our Comrs propos'd to go over this winter—That Two hundred forty two pounds be allow'd for that Service, and the Sum being the same with this year's public fund, that this be applott'd on the sevll Prēbries and Congregations the same way that the fund is to be; and that Comittee is empower'd to nominate Comrs, to appoint the time, to give directions to enlarge the fund for their Expense if they see fitt.

Write to the Comission of the Kirk.

It being mov'd that we should renew our appointmt of Correspondts to the Genll Assembly, and after some difficulties started on this head, we agreed that Mr Bruce and Mr Kirkpatrick should write to the Comission of the Kirk on this head, and that the answer be laid before the Comittee of this Synod, who shall be empower'd upon encouragmt fm the Comission to send Correspondts to next Assembly, give instructions to the Correspondts, and order a Viaticum to them the same way

that was appointed last year; and if there be noe likelyhood that the Comittee will meet, after the answer of the Comission comes, Mr Iredell shall in that case call the Comittee.

To the Second Overture made by the Irish Comittee it was added, that Mr Kirkpatrick write a letter to the Prēbry of Dublin, in order to prevail with them to defray Mr Higinbottam's charges while in Longford, Athlone, and in that Countrey.

A Comittee for the Irish.

The Comittee for the Irish to consist of the following members :—

From Down—Mr Nivin, Mr Dickson.

Belfast—Mr Cobham, Mr Seton.

Antrim—Mr Masterton, Mr Taylor, junr.

Ardmagh—Mr Rainey, Mr Johnston.

Tyrone—Mr Jo: Keñedy, Mr Alex: Moor.

Augher—Mr Baptt Boyd.

Longford—Mr Hair.

Rout—Mr Boyd, Mr Cochren.

Derry—Mr Jo: Stirling, Mr Harvy, junr.

Straban—Mr Victor Ferguson.

Latterkenny—Mr Jo: Cochren.

Seven to be a Quorum. The place of Meeting is DunGeñan, but when call'd by the Brethren of Dublin, and when they send to correspond with them, they are to be at Newry. The Comittee to be call'd as last year, only the Prēbries are to take care not to call the Comittee to Newry unlesse they have assurance that some Brethren from Dublin will meet with them.

The Interloqr of the whole House.

The Comittee of Overtures laid the following Overtures before us, which, with amendmts, were approv'd:—

1. That before any congregation be setled they shall be oblig'd to defray all publick debts falling under the cognisance of the Prēsbry, such as arrears to a Minister's Executors, to young men for supplying them, promises to a Prēbry, or any such like debt—this also to extend to Congregations to be erected, to pay their share of and clear debt due to the Congregation.

Monahan Congregation pay their supplies last year 10 sh: for each Sabbath.

2. The case of Monahan, who did not pay their Supplies according to appointmt of last Synod, being consider'd, finding that the Congregation was appointed by the Synod to pay their Suppliers, each of them who supply'd last year, ten shill: ℘ Sabbath, and defray their expences during their stay, agreed, that Monahan Congregation do pay each Supplyer ten shill: ℘ Sabbath and defray their expences during their stay. The Prēbry of Monahan to take care that this be done, and to delay the Settlement of that people till they comply with this order.

3. That persons of our Comunion coming fm one congregation to another, do produce to the Min^r or Session their Testimonials fm the Congregation they left last, within six weeks after they come into the Congregation wherein they reside, intimation being made thereof in every Congregation at Alsaints and May; and that Ministers insert in Testim^lls given to persons who have receiv'd the Lord's Supper with them, that they have so receiv'd, and also signify whether the persons be single or not. Bring Testimonials.

4. Considering the deplorable circumstances of Mr Stuart, of the Glens, by reason of his age, infirmity and want of subsistence, for he has not been paid what was appointed to him by the Synod—Order'd, that particular Enquiry be made in the Synod why this money is not paid. He supplicates for the Synod's advice what he shall do, having noe encouragm^t in the place where he now lives. Mr Stuart, of Glens.

Advis'd, if on further tryal he find he can't subsist there, he is at liberty to remove to what habitation he sees fitt, but the Synod doth not resolve to discontinue the Synodical assistance to him. The Comittee of Funds to propose a way how his money may be paid to him, and report to this Synod. Rout Prēbry is to pay to him what they owe him upon the Synod's order. Order thereupon.

The Comittee of Funds overture that the allowance to Enniskilling be suspended for this year. The Prēbry of Monahan is to enquire into the state of that Congregation. If, on their report, it dos appear that the Congregāon can't want their share of the Fund, in that case M^r McGachy is to be put on the Fund. Monahan. Enniskilling.

Considering Moywater, Belfast Prēbry is to add twenty shill: to their Fund, Down to add fifteen shill, Antrim to add fifteen shill:, Ardmagh to add seventeen shill: to their Fund for this year; wch money so added is to be paid to Mr Wallace, of Moywater. Moywater.

Mr Archbald Macclane, Probationer fm Argyle, wrot to this Synod for his Testim^lls. Some mov'd seeing we now have several who can preach in Irish, he may be spar'd: others were of another mind. Upon wch a Question was put—Whether detain and encourag Mr Macclane, or not? It carry'd, that we use all due means to detain him and encourag him. Encourag Mr Arch^d Macclane, Probationer.

Agreed, for his maintenance, that he shall have forty pound ℔ year, to be paid to him quarterly, in which case he is to provide himself with a house. By this means the people where he goes, and himself, will be more easy.

Agreed, that the Prēsbry of Derry, who is to pay the greatest part of Mr Wallace's proportion of the Fund, do order his money, so that he be not under the necessity of coming so great way for it.

The charge of bringing Reg: Don: to Belfast fm any place upon which the accquittance was drawn, to be a charge on all the Ministers of the Synod.

The Report of the Comittee for the Fund:—

THE APPLOTTMENT.

Belfast,	£41 – 0 – 0	To Kirkdoñell 4 : –, to Droheda 25 : –, to Moyra 5 : –, to Dundalk 7 : – : –.
Down,	£28 : – : –	To Gallway 20 : –, to Droheda 5 : –, to Edenderry 2 : 10 : –, to Badoni 0–10–0.
Antrim,	£30 : – : –	To Dunean 5 : –, to Dundalk 19 : 10 : –, to Edenderry 5 : 10 : –.
Ardmah,	£31 : – : –	To Venicash 9 : –, to Lurgan 10 : –, to Edenderry 7 : –, to Droheda 5 : –.
Longford,	£10 : – : –	To Belturbet 10 : – : –.
Augher,	£16 : 10 : 0	To Belturbet 10 : –, to Athlone 6 ; 10 : –.
Tyrone,	£16 : 10 : 0	To LoghGall 12 : –, to Glendivadock, 4 : 10 : –.
Straban,	£15 : – : –	To Stranorlan 6 : –, to Doe 3 : 10 : –, to Slego 5 : 10 : –.
Latterkeñy,	£10 : 10 : –	To Slego 9 : 10 : –, to Glendivadock 1 : – : –.
Colerain,	£21 : – : –	To Cushendoll 9 : – : –, to Athlone 3 : 10 : –, to Dundalk 3 : 10 : –, to Glenarm 3 : –, to Badoni 2 : – : –.
Derry,	£24 : 0 : 0	To Moywater 15 : –, to Golan 4 : –, to Badoni 5 : – : –.
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The Comittee overtur'd some assistance for Mr Wallace, of Moywater, in this mañer:—Belfast Prēbry £1, Antrim 0–15–0, Down 15 sh:, Ardmagh 17s—as in the preceeding page, being to the three last a shill: on the Congregation.

Belfast Prēsbry gave noe distinct accott of their arrears. Agreed, that the two Congregations of Belfast pay each of them nine pound.

Down—The arrear preceeding these years in the Minuts before, for 1714, due to Gallway, 1 : 6 : –; for 1715, 4 : –, for 1716, 7 : –; to Edenderry £1 : –.

Antrim—Noe accott. Some arrear to Golan. For 1716 all clear.

Monahan, for 1716—Due to Belturbet, 2 : 10 : –; to Dundalk, 6 : –, paid to Enniskilling by wrong application.

Ardmagh—Due to Dundalk for 1713, 6 : –; 1714, 12 : –; 1715, 7 : –; to Lurgan, 1711, 5 : 8 : 9; 1712, 6 : –; 1714, 7 : 15 : –; 1715, 7 : 19 : –. pd.

Colerain—Noe accott. Only paid to Dundalk, for 1716, 2 : –.

Convoy is clear, only to Kirkdoñell 4 : –, of which allow'd out of Mr Laird's Reg: Don: 2 : 6 : 6.

Derry—Noe accott.

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AND: CRAFORD,
Cl: Syn: Gn.

At a Genll Synod met in Belfast, June 17th, 1718. Sess: 1a.

Die Martis, horâ 5a *post merid:*

Mr George Lang having open'd this Synod by preaching on 1 Tim: 5, 22; and, after constitution by prayr, *Sedert* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this Synod.

BELFAST.

[Ministers]	Elders.
Mrs John McBride	William Mitchell
John Malcom	Lancelot Smith
Francis Iredell	
Alexr McCracken	Alexr Taylor
James Kirkpatrick	Dr Ferguson
James Cobham	Alexr Gordon
John Riddell	..
Robert Sinclar	Robert Gillis
James Stuart	Robert Neil
Charles Seaton	James Beaty
Robert Wirling	Jos: Campbell
Michael Bruce	Mr Arth: Kenedy
Samuel Harper	Michll Thompson
Patrick Bruce	Mr Arthr Maxwell
James Fraser	James Finlay
Thomas Maquay	William Sinclar

ANTRIM.

Mrs Willm Taylor, senr	James Clark
Will: Leech	John Thompson
Alexr Brown	Malcom Craford
Jo: Abernethy	Mr John Shaw
Charles Masterton	Hugh Owens
William Livingston	Conll Upton
James Crichton	John McCa
John Henderson	Joseph Hill
Thomas Shaw	John Wyly
Thomas Wilson	Robert Woodside
William Taylor	John Allen
Samuel Getty	John McCullogh
James White	John McElwayne
Josias Clugston	James Lyle

TYRONE.

M-rs Thomas Kenedy.....Joseph Ladly
John McClave .....
Thomas Milikin .....Adam Dunlop
David Thomb .....James Hog
Hugh Wallace..... .....
John Kenedy .....John Fisher
Alexr Moor .....Hugh Piper
Nathll Cochren.....John Paterson

ARDMAGH.

M-rs Archbald Macclane.....William Dugan
John Hutcheson .....Mr Stone
John Wilson .....John Smith
George Lang .....Robert Wallace
Moses Cherrie..... .....George Eward
Gilbert Kenedy .....John Woods
James Fleming .....Richard Ferguson
Robert Rainey.....John Hanyng
James Johnston .....James Hairshaw
William McKay ....James Kell
James Moor..... .....Joseph Kennedy
Robert Gordon .....James Kennedy
Hugh Henry .....
Patrick Simson .....
John Campbell.....

COLERAIN.

M-rs Robert Haltridg..... .....John Agnew
Henry Neil .....John Walker
John Porter.....
Robert McBride .....John Wright
Jo: Cochren .....John Stuart
Thomas Cobham.....Gawin Steel
James Thompson .....Thomas Reid

DERRY:

M-rs John Stirling .....John Wilson
Thomas Harvy .....
John Harvy, junr .....
Major Murray.....
Samuel Ross .....Robert Gemble

STRABAND.

M-rs William Holmes.....Thomas Davidson
Alexr McCracken .....
Nehemiah Donaldson.... .....Tho: Edwards, Esqr

Victor Ferguson .....
Isaac Taylor .....

AUGHER.

M-rs Robert Colthart .....William King
John McGachine.....
Alexr Fleming .....Archd Bryson
Umphry Thomson .....John Sloan
Patrick Plunket .....Andrew McGlahry
Baptist Boyd .....
Thomas Macclane .....

LATTERKENNY.

M-rs Samuel Henry.....
Samuel Dunlop .....
Robert Wilson.....
James Wallace.....
John Homes.....
James Cochren .....

LONGFORD.

M-rs James Tate .....
William Hair .....
Thomas Anderson .....
David Sim .....John Francis.
Alexr Hamilton .....Evan Tyler
Robert Rutherford.....John Fee

DOWN.

M-rs James Bruce .....Mr Trail
John Gawdie .....Thomas Scot
Henry Hamilton.....Henry Reid
John Mairs .....Gilbert Jackson
James McAlpin .....Thomas Milikin
Thomas Orr.....James McConell
Samuel Shenan .....Robert McDonell
William Biggar .....William McCrery
William Smith.....John Chalmers
James Reid .....Samuel McGahy
Hugh Ramsey.....John Billsland
Archd Dickson .....Hugh Wallace
Thomas Nevin.....John Steel
Francis MontGomery .....John Macclane
Thomas Eldar.....George Smith

And: Craford .....Ja: Hutcheson

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Mr George Lang, the Moderator, desir'd a new Moderatr may be chosen, and return'd the names of several Brethn, that one of them may be chosen Modr. Every of these Brethren having been heard their reasons why another should be chosen, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd.

Mod^r chosen.

The Roll being call'd, Mr William Biggar was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator.

Clerk chosen.

Andrew Craford was continu'd Clerk. Mr John Wilson and Mr Michael Bruce were appointed to assist him.

The Minuts of every Sederunt to be read & subscrib'd.

It was mov'd and unanimously agreed to, to prevent debates about our Minuts, that the Minuts of every Sederunt shall be fairly drawn out by the Clerk and his assistants before the next Sederunt, and should then be first read, and, the Synod being satisfy'd that they are the true Minuts of their actings in the former Sederunt, they shall then be subscrib'd by Mod^r and Clerk.

The Synod appoints the sev^ll Presbytries to chuse their Members for the Comittees of Overtures, Bills, Revising Sub-Synod books, and for the Fund; and return their names in write to our next Sederunt to morrow morning.

Meet for pray^r.

Agreed, that the members of the Synod meet here to morrow morning at Seven of the clock for pray^r; to continue in pray^r till nine a clock; from nine to ten in an Interloq^r; and ten of the clock is the hour appointed for open Synod.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 2^a.

Die Mercur: horâ decima ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were (according to order) read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

Met for pray^r.

According to appointment, the members of the Synod met for pray^r, and, after prayer, the Ministers met in an Interloquitur.

The Minuts of the several Interloq^rs are annext to those Minuts.

The Presbytries, according to appointment, return'd the names of the Members of the Comittees, which are as follows:—

For Overtures.

Belfast—M^r McBride, Mr Malcom, M^r McCracken, Mr Kirkpatrick.

Antrim—Mr William Taylor, sen^r, Mr Leech, Mr Abernethy, Mr Taylor, jun^r.

Tyrone—Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr John Kennedy.

Ardmagh—Mr Hutcheson, Mr Macclane, Mr Georg Lang.

Colerain—Mr Haltridg, Mr Neil.

Derry—Mr John Stirling.

Latt^rkenny—Mr Sam: Dunlop.

Straban—M^r McCracken.

Augher—Mr John McGachy, Mr Plunket.

Longford—Mr Tate, Mr Hair.

Down—Mr Bruce, Mr Hamilton, Mr Mairs, Mr Orr.

With their Elders.

Mr Samuel Hallyday to joyn in this Comittee.
To meet in the vestry of the new Meeting House.

For Bills.

Belfast—Mr Cobham, Mr Michll Bruce, Mr Sinclar, Mr Wirling.
Antrim—Mr Livingston, Mr Masterton, Mr Crichton, Mr Shaw.
Tyrone—Mr McClave, Mr David Thomb.
Ardmagh—Mr Fleming, Mr McKay, Mr Moor.
Colerain—Mr McBride, Mr Ja: Thompson.
Latterkenny—Mr James Wallace.
Derry—Mr Samuel Ross.
Straband—Mr Nehemiah Donaldson.
Augher—Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Umphry Thompson.
Longford—Mr Rutherford, Mr Hamilton.
Down—Mr Shenan, Mr Smith, Mr Ramsey.

With their Elders.

To meet in the vestry of the old Meeting House.

To Revise Sub-Synod Books.

To revise Ardmagh Book—

Belfast—Mr Stuart, Mr Seton.
Antrim—Mr Hendrson, Mr White.
Colrain—Mr Cobham.
Derry—Mr Majr Murray.
Latterkeny—Mr Robert Wilson.
Straban—Mr Victor Ferguson.
Down—Mr McAlpin, Mr Dixon.

With their Elders.

Derry Book—

Belfast—Mr Harper, Mr Fraser.
Antrim—Mr Getty, Mr Clugston.
Ardmagh—Mr John Campbell.
Augher—Mr Alexr Fleming.
Down—Mr Eldar, Mr Montgomery.
Tyrone—Mr Alexr Moor.

With their Elders.

Belfast Book—

Tyrone—Mr Mulligan.

Ardmagh—Mr Johnston, Mr Gordon.

Colerain —Mr Cochren.

Derry—Mr Jo: Harvy.

Latterkeñy—Mr Isaac Taylor.

Augher—Mr Colthart.

Longford—Mr Rob: Thompson,

With their Elders.

These Revisers of the books are to meet in the Galleries of the old Meeting House.

For the Fund.

Belfast, Mr Patrick Bruce; Antrim, Mr Alexr Brown; Tyrone, Mr Tho: Kennedy, Mr Nathll Cochren; Straban, Mr Holmes; Ardmagh, Mr Wilson, Mr Rainey; Colerain, Mr Porter; Longford, Mr Sim; Derry, Mr Thomas Harvy; Down, Mr Reid, Mr Nevin; Augher, Mr Thomas Macclane.

With their Elders. To meet in the New Meeting House.

The Clerk is appointed to draw out lists of the members of the several Comittees, to be giv'n to the Comittees, that each Comittee may know their members.

Scheme of a Synod by Delegats.

A Minut of the last Synod, concerning an Overture for a Synod by Delegats, was order'd to be the first thing that should be consider'd by this Synod, was read; and, in order to enlighten our debates upon this subject, all the Minuts of the former Synods relating to this affair were read, beginning at the Synod in Derry in the year One thousand seven hundred and nine; and the Scheme then propos'd, with reasons to support it, and the Protestation giv'n in against the votes pass'd at that time were also read; after which the expediency or inexpediency of a Synod by Delegats was debated: but, the Synod finding that they have not time this Sederunt to go through with this debate, agreed to adjourn it till next Sederunt, which is to be at four a clock *post merid:*

Referr'd till next Sederunt.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 3a.

Die Mercur: horâ 4 *post merid:*

Post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Modr and Clerk.

The Synod to continue as it is now.

The Synod, according to order, resum'd the debate concerning a Synod by Delegats, and, after long reasoning, there was this state of a vote propos'd—Continue this Synod as it is now, or shall we have a Synod by Delegats? and it being also mov'd that the state of the vote

should be—Is it expedient that our Synod should meet by Delegation, according to a Scheme afterwards to be agreed on, or not? The previous question was first put—Which of these should be the first state of the vote? and it was carry'd by a majority that the first state of the vote be the vote that shall be put; which was accordingly put in these words—Shall the Synod continue as it is now, or shall we have a Synod by Delegats? and it carry'd by a majority that the Synod shall continue as it is now.

Enquire into absents, dead, ordain'd, &c., since last Synod.

This affair being ended, the Minuts of last Genll Synod were ordered to be read, and the Synod was led by the ordr of those Minuts to enquire if there were any absent, and if any Minister in this Church was dead since last Synod, who have been ordain'd, what Candidats are entred on Trials, and if there be any to be entred upon Trials in the several Prēbries. An account of the particulars as it was giv'n by the Presbytries is as follows:—

Absent from last Synod excus'd.

Absents from last Synod and now excus'd—Mr Cherrie, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr John McGachy, Mr Plunket, Mr Rutherford, Mr Woodside, Mr Neil.

Absent fm this Synod excus'd.

Absents from this Synod excus'd—Mrs Alexr Sinclar, Robert Craghead, Willm Boyd, James Maxwell, Robert Neilson, Charles Wallace, Alexr Colvill, Samuel Young, Mathew Clark, James Stuart, James McGrigor, James Woodside, Thomas Stirling, John Mair, Robert Higginbottam, Robert Campbell, Andrew Ferguson, John Harvy, William Gray, Hans Stuart, John Ball, Samuel Halyday, senr, Seth Drumond, Franc: Laird, Charles Lynd, David Ferlie, Willm Cornwall, Josias Cornwall, Samuel Dunlop, Nathll Orr, Tho: Wynsly.

Not excus'd.

Absents from this Synod not excus'd—Mr Henry Crooks, Mr William Howston.

Dead since last Synod:—

Dead since last Synod.

Antrim—Mr Stafford Pettigrew, Minister in BellyEaston, died March 28th, 1718.

Tyrone—Mr John Thomb, Minister in Dawson's Bridg, died Fēbry 28, 1717–18.

Derry—Mr Thomas Harvy, senr, died Fēbry 24, 1717–18.

Augher—Mr John Lee, died Octob: 29, 1717.

Ordain'd:—

Ordain'd since last Synod.

Belfast ordain'd Mr Thomas Maquay, Collegue to Mr Alexr Sinclar, in Plunketstreet, Dublin, November 7, 1717; and Mr James Fraser at Carrickfergus, June 3, 1718.

Antrim ordain'd Mr Josias Clugston at Larne, March 19, 1717–18.

Tyrone ordain'd Mr Nathaneel Cochren at DunGeñan, April 30, 1718.

Ardmagh ordain'd Mr William Elliot, design'd for America, Janry 7, 1717–18.

Colerain ordain'd Mr Thomas Cobham at Clogh, March 12, 1717–18; and Mr James Thompson at Bellywillin, May 5, 1718.

Derry ordain'd Mr John Harvy, junr, at Maulin, October 23, 1717; and Mr Samuel Ross at Derry, Fēbry 13, 1717–18; and Mr Major Murray at Comber, Aprile 15, 1718.

Straband ordain'd Mr Isaac Taylor at Ardstra, March 5, 1717–18.

Augher ordain'd Mr Thomas Macclane at Monaghan, March 19, 1717–18.

Licens'd:—

Licens'd since last Synod.

Belfast licens'd Mr Patrick Maxwel. Antrim licens'd Mr William Cuñingham. Tyrone licens'd Mr John Dykes. Colerain Mr Robert Knox, and Mr William Paton, licens'd in Scotland, and receiv'd by that Presbytry since last Synod, their Testimonial being first read and sustain'd by the Synod of Derry. Longford licens'd Mr Samuel Hempfield. Down licens'd Mr John Mairs, junr.

Entred upon first Trials since last Synod:—

Entred on Trials.

Belfast have entred Mr Mathew Ramsey and Mr John Hastie. Antrim entred Mr John Shaw, Mr James Duchall. Ardmagh, Mr Archibald Macclane, junr. Latterkenny, Mr Patrick Vans. Augher, Mr James How, Mr John Carlile, Mr William Brown, and Mr Nathaneel Glasgow, upon second Trials, design'd for America.

To be entred upon Trials:—

To be entred on Trials.

Derry, Mr Thomas Boyd, Mr Henry Cowdon, Mr James Ball. Straban, Mr Joseph Hempfild.

The Synod finding a great many of their Members were absent, and had gone without leave, order'd the Roll to be call'd, and the absents from this Sederunt to be markt, that the reason of their absence may be enquir'd into at next Sederunt, and they be censur'd if their reason appear not to be relevant.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till ten of the clock to morrow morning; the Comittees to meet at eight in the morning.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 4.

Die Jovis horâ decima ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt, &c:

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Modr and Clerk.

The Synod, according to order, call'd the members who were absent from last Sederunt to account of their absence, and the Moderator exhorted them to attend more carefully.

Read the act rebuking scandalous sinners.

Then the Synod proceeded in reading the Minuts of last Synod. There being an order in them, that an act for the public rebuking of scandalous persons, formerly made, should be read in every Congregation within the bounds of the Synod, enquiry was made if the several Prēbries had observ'd this order. It appear'd by the report of the Prēbries that it had been generally observ'd. Order'd, that it be read in these few Congregations where it has not been yet read, and that the aforesaid

act be universally observ'd, without any exception, by all the Presbytries and Congregations within our bounds; and the Mod^r exhorted the Brethren to see that it be observ'd accordingly.

The Congregation of Monahan has obey'd the appointment of last Synod, in paying their Suppliers in the time of their vacancy.

Time of next Synod.

Then the Synod proceeded to name the time and place of next Synod, and Belfast was chosen by a majority, upon a vote, to be the place, and the third Tuesday of June next, at five a clock *post merid:*, at which hour sermon is to begin that day.

Charity to Elizth Wilson.

It appears that the Prēsbry of Down have not universally observ'd the appointment of last Synod recomēnding Mrs Elizabeth Wilson to their Charity. Order'd, that Mr Robert Sinclar enquire at said Elizabeth Wilson who she has receiv'd from in the Prēbry of Down, and who are deficient, and write an acco^tt to that Presbytry, who are order'd to take care that the appointment of the former Synod be observ'd.

Mr Macclane, Probāon^r fm Argile.

A letter from Mr Archibald Macclane, Probationer from the Synod of Argyle, complaining that he wanted some of the money promist him by the Synod for preaching in Irish within our bounds, was read, and the several Presbytries return'd by him as deficient. Ordered, that these so return'd do pay him what they owe to him before the Synod rises. Mr Patrick Simson is to receive it, and pay it to Mr Neil McNeil of this town, according to Mr Macclane's order.

Armagh Synod book approv'd, and a remark inserted.

The Comittee appointed to revise Ardmagh Synod book made report that they approve the book, only they remark that the appointment of the General Synod, ordering the Sub-Synods to take care that the several Presbytries within their bounds record the Minuts of the Synod relating to them in their book, doth not appear to have been observ'd. That Synod acknowledg'd their neglect in this. Their book was approv'd, and this remark inserted in it. The Comittee likewise made report that they had a remark upon the Minuts of their Interloq^r, which is referr'd to the consideration of the Interloq^r of this Synod.

Transmit the Synod Minuts to each Prebry timeously.

One of the Presbytries belonging to the Synod of Ardmagh complain'd that they have not yet receiv'd the Minuts of last General Synod. The Clerk of the General Synod is order'd to take more care timeously to transmit the Synod Minuts to each Presbytry.

Belfast Synod book approv'd, and a remark inserted.

The Comittee appointed to revise Belfast Synod book made report that they approve the book, only they have the same remark on that book which was remarkt on Ardmagh book. The book was approv'd and this remark inserted. The Comittee had likewise a remark relating to the Minuts of their Interloq^r, which was referr'd to the Interloq^r of this Synod.

Derry book not here.

The Comittee appointed to revise Derry Synod book made report that the book is not here. The Clerk of that Synod is, for reasons giv'n, excus'd for not sending the book. The Synod orders that that book be fill'd up before next General Synod, at which time it is to be revis'd.

A letter from Mr James Stuart, of Cushendoll, was read, and referr'd to the Comittee of Funds, who are order'd to report concerning this affair to morrow morning.

Pay the publick money.

Ordered, that all the Prēsbries pay the publick money they have in town to the severall Collectors appointed to receive it, who are to pay it according to the order last Synod, and give in their accounts to the Comittee of Funds.

Mr Thomas Maquay ordain'd in Plunket street, is a membr of this Synod.

The Minut relating to Plunketstreet Congregation being read, the Prēsbry of Belfast was call'd on to make report what was done in pursuance of the said Minut; who make report that their Comittee, according to appointment, concurr'd with the Prēsbry of Dublin in the ordination of Mr Thomas Maquay, Colleague to Mr Alexr Sinclar, in Plunketstreet, Dublin, and took his promise in writing to be subject to this Synod; upon which report his name was ordered to be entred in our Rolls.

The Minut relating to Maherawly, SeaPatrick and Girvachy being read, there appear'd Comissrs from these several places, producing their Comissions, which were read and sustain'd.

Maherawly.

From Maherawly appear'd Comrs,—Mr Francis Moor, and James McClellan.

Sea-Patrick.

From SeaPatrick—Samuel Herron, Henry Herron, Hans Mc Murdy.

Girvachy.

From Girvachy—James McGill, Robert Allen.

Whose Comissions were read and sustain'd.

Referr'd to the Presbytry of Ardmagh.

All of them agreed in supplicating this Synod, in the name of their constituents, that their affair be referr'd to the consideration of their own Prēbry of Ardmagh; which the Synod readily granted.

Drumara.

The Minut relating to Drumara being read. Ordered, that the five Towns of Girvachy, formerly appointed to joyn to Drumara, should continue a part of that Congregation. The like is order'd with respect to Bellyrony, that the towns formerly joyn'd to them should continue with them.

Bellyrony.

The Synod adjourn'd to 4 a clock *post merid:*

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 5a.

Die Jovis horâ 4 post merid:

Post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by the Moderator and Clerk.

A Reference from the Presbytry of Antrim relating to Usher's Key, Old Congregation of Belfast, & Antrim.

It being the mind of the Synod that the affairs of the greatest Importance should first be consider'd, the Committee of Bills was call'd to lay before us the weightiest affairs which had been before them, who, accordingly, laid before us a Reference from the Presbytry of Antrim to this Synod, with respect to two Calls, one from Usher's Key in Dublin, giv'n in to them, and by them presented to the Reverend Mr John Abernethy, and another Call from the old Congregation of Belfast, giv'n in likewise to them, and by them presented to the said Mr Abernethy. The Reference from the Presbytry of Antrim was read.

The Comiss^rs from Usher's Key produc'd their Comission, which was sustain'd. Then they represented to the Synod that they have lately receiv'd letters of great importance to their affairs by the Post, and have not had time since to prepare their affair for the hearing of the Synod, and therefore pray'd for longer time to prepare their business for the cognisance of the Synod; and also desir'd that, seeing their Minister is absent through bodily indisposition, three Ministers, such as they would chuse, might be allow'd to assist them, that so they may be able to set their affairs in the clearer light. Both these requests were granted, and the hearing of this affair was put off till to morrow morning; and they having nam'd Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Hugh Ramsey, and Mr Thomas Nevin as the men they made choice of, they were allow'd by the Synod to assist them.

The Presbytry of Antrim mov'd that, if the Comiss^rs from Usher's Key had any new papers to lay before the Synod, they should be first order'd to be laid before them, that so the Comiss^rs from Antrim might have some time to consider them. This was agreed to, and the Com^rs from Usher's Key were order'd to lay their papers before the Prēsbry of Antrim by nine a clock this night.

Mr James Kirkpatrick mov'd, in the name of the two Congregations of Belfast, that they are ready, on their part, to come to a Tryal, and likewise produc'd a Supplication from both the Ministers and both the Congregations desiring, for reasons offer'd in their Supplication, that Comiss^rs from the new Congregation might be heard as parties to prosecute the Transportation of Mr Abernethy, which was read; and, after reasoning some time upon it, it was mov'd that the Call and Reasons from the old Congregation of Belfast would set the point debated in a clearer light, and therefore ought to be read. They were order'd to be read, and were read accordingly; and it being likewise mov'd that it was reasonable that the answers from the Congregāon of Antrim should be likewise read, they were also, according to order, read; after which, the parties being fully heard, were remov'd, and the Synod, having maturely consider'd this affair, came to this vote—Shall the new Congregation of Belfast be allow'd to appear by their Comiss^rs as parties in this affair, or not? and it carry'd by a great majority in the negative. The parties being call'd in, the judgment of the Synod was intimated to them.

The new Congregāon of Belft not allow'd a party in this cause.

The Comiss^rs from the old Congregation of Belfast desir'd that Mr James Kirkpatrick and Mr James Fleming may be allow'd to assist them, which was granted; and the Comiss^rs from Antrim desir'd that Mr Thomas Orr and Mr Charles Masterton might be allow'd to assist them—this was also granted.

Then the Synod proceeded in reading the Minuts of last Synod.

The Minut relating to Mrs Pringle has not been observ'd. Order'd, that it be now observ'd by every Prēsbry, and the Charity therein recomended be collected by the Clerks of the several Prēsbries and giv'n to Mr Samuel Henry for her use before the Synod rises.

Mrs Pringle.

A Minut relating to the arrears due to Mr Sam^ll Henry by the Presbytry of Derry—this affair was referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

Mr Henry.

Lurgan, &c.

A Minut relating to the Prēsbry of Ardmagh with respect to arrears due by them to the Congregations of Lurgan, Dundalk, and VeniCash, was read, and the considerāon of it referr'd till afterward, because there were few members of that Prēsbyry present.

The Absents from fraternal Censures last Synod to be call'd to an account afterwards when the Synod is more full.

Directory for Discipline

A Minut relating to a Directory for Discipline was read, and upon enquiry it was found that the Clerk of the Synod had not receiv'd the Copy of it, and so could not obey what that Minut enjoyn'd.

Mr Kirkpatrick being call'd, gave reasons why he did not transmit it to the Clerk, for which he was excus'd; and upon his telling the Synod that he hop'd he would be ready to transmit the Copy within a short time, it was recōmended to him to do it as soon as possible.

The Minut relating to what should be the least Quota of a Minister's Maintenance, upon which New Congregations should be erected and allow'd to call a Minister, which had been recōmended to the consideration of the several Presbytries, was read, and it's order'd that it be consider'd afterward.

All the Minuts of last Open Synod have been read.

All the Cōmittees are to meet at seven a clock to morrow morning. This Session adjourn'd till nine and concluded wth pray^r.

Sess: 6.

Die Veneris horâ nona ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Mod^r and Clerk.

The Synod, according to order, resum'd the consideration of the Reference from the Presbytry of Antrim to this Synod, with respect to two Calls to Mr Abernethy from Usher's Key and the old Congregation of Belfast.

Usher's Key.

All the parties being askt if they were now ready to come to tryal? answer they were; but the Cōmiss^rs from Usher's Key representing that they had not receiv'd from the Prēsbry of Antrim the paper which they gave in to them last night so timeously as to get it allow'd by the Cōmittee of Bills, the Synod overrul'd this, and allow'd the paper to be laid before them. Then the Cōmissions from the sev^ll parties were produc'd and sustain'd.

From Usher's Key appear'd Cōmiss^rs Mrs Alexander Bagnol, Richard Norton, and John Lord.

From the Old Congregation of Belfast—Mr Isaac McCartney, Con^l Edward Brice, Mr Robert Lennox, Mc Neil McNeil, Mr Georg Buttle.

Antrim.

From Antrim—Con^l William Shaw, Capt John Shaw, Mr John Shaw, Mr James Duchall.

Papers read alternately.

Then the Call from Usher's Key to Mr Abernethy, and the reasons supporting it, both the new paper of reasons offer'd this year to the

Presbytry of Antrim, and the old one formerly offer'd, to which the new one referr'd, and the answers of the Congregation of Antrim to both these papers, and a reply from Usher's Key to the last answers from Antrim, were all read. The Comiss^rs from Antrim said they had not time to draw up a reply to the last paper giv'n in by Usher's Key, but would answer to it *viva voce* in the progress of this debate.

Then these reasons and answers were read alternately, and the several parties were heard in urging each reason, and in defending each answer.

In the answers from the Congregation of Antrim there was a Paragraph which sett forth Mr Abernethy's usefulness, and the success of his labours amongst the Irish Papists of Killilagh and Killmakevat; and when this was read, the Comiss^rs from Antrim mov'd that there were Comiss^rs from that people here present, and desir'd that they might be heard. Their Comission was read, and two Supplications from their Constituents, subscrib'd by many hands, to the same purpose, holding out Mr Abernethy's usefulness among them, and praying for his continuance in the Congregation of Antrim, that they might still enjoy the advantage of his labours. After which, the Comiss^rs were all of them heard, and gave a very comfortable account of the success of the Gospel upon themselvs, some of their families, and upon others. The Synod observ'd with thankfulness to Almighty God the success wherewith He hath been graciously pleas'd to bless the Endeavors for the conversion of the Irish; and the Moderator, in name of the Synod, spake encouraginly to the Irish Comiss^rs, and assur'd them of the Synod's tender regard to them, and concern for the welfare of their souls, and, for their further encouragment, the Revd Mr Arch^d Macclane, Mr Patrick Simson, who can speak Irish, were ordered to go out and speak to them to the same purpose. These Brethren observ'd the Synod's appointment, and upon their return made report that as they were very well satisfy'd with what the Irish Comiss^rs offer'd to them in conversation, so these Comiss^rs exprest their satisfaction in and thankfulness for the regard the Synod had shew'd to them.

Irish Comiss^rs supplicate that Mr Abernethy be continu'd in Antrim.

The Comiss^rs from Usher's Key said they would not insist on having their last paper read over again, it being principally design'd as an Apology for desiring a rehearing of their affair, which had been determin'd by the last Synod; and the Comiss^rs from Antrim were willing likewise not to insist on their being allow'd a liberty to answer that paper, thô they were ready to do it. Thus all necessary papers were read, and the several parties fully heard in what they had to offer on them.

Adjourn'd till 4 a clock *post merid:*

This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Die Veneris horâ 4 *post merid*: Sess: 7a.

Post preces Sederunt qui supra.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were, according to order, read; but the Comiss^{rs} from Belfast mov'd that the Minut relating to the Irish should not be approv'd, because they apprehend there is something in it which tends to prejudge their cause, thô they have not yet been heard upon it. The Synod agreed to defer the approbation of the Minuts of last Sederunt, untill the affair of Belfast, Antrim, and Usher's Key be decided.

Old Congregation of Belfast.

Antrim.

Reasons & Answers read.

Then the Synod proceeded in considering the Reference from the Prēsbry of Antrim, and order'd all the papers from the old Congregation of Belfast and Antrim relating to this affair to be read, which were accordingly read in their order. The titles of these papers are as follows:—Reasons for the Transportation of the Revrd Mr John Abernethy from the Congregation of Antrim to the old Congregation of Belfast; Answers of the Congregation of Antrim to the reasons of the old Congregation of Belfast for transporting Mr Abernethy; Remarks upon the Answers of the Congregation of Antrim to the reasons of the old Congregation of Belfast for transporting Mr Abernethy; Answer to a paper entitled, Remarks upon the Answers of the Congregation of Antrim to the Reasons of the old Congregation of Belfast for transporting Mr Abernethy.

Adjourn'd to the new Meeting house, and there debate on the subject.

Then these papers were read alternately, and the parties heard on every argument and answers contain'd in the papers as they went along; and, all parties having desir'd to be heard in a free conference before an Interloq^{r} of the whole Synod, and having deferr'd several things to be fully debated there, the Synod adjourn'd to the New Meeting house, and order'd that none should be admitted bnt Ministers and Elders, with the Comiss^{rs} from the several parties.

Then the Comiss^{rs} from the old Congregation of Belfast and Antrim proceeded in advancing arguments for and against the Transportation; and, after some time spent in hearing them, it was mov'd that the Question be put—Shall we adjourn now or not? It carry'd, adjourn. The Synod accordingly adjourn'd to Eight a clock to morrow morning. Ordered, that none but Min^{rs}, Elders, and Comiss^{rs} from the several parties concern'd in this debate be admitted access while that affair is in agitation.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 8va.

Die Saturni horâ octava ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt qui sup:

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Mod^{r} and Clerk.

Belfast, Usher's Key, Antrim resum'd.

Then the Synod, according to order, proceeded further to hear the Comiss^{rs} from the several parties concern'd in the aforesaid Reference of the Prēsbry of Antrim; and the Comiss^{rs} from the old Congregation of Belfast, Usher's Key, and Antrim were fully heard; and, last of all, the Synod call'd upon Mr Abernethy to declare his judgment with

respect to these Calls which he has had under his consideration. He declar'd that he was for neither of these Calls, having seriously consid^red 'em.

Then, all parties being remov'd, the Synod came seriously to consider this important affair; and after several members had declar'd their judgment, and offer'd their reasons on every side of this complex affair, it was the mind of the Synod that the state of the vote should be fix'd; and after several states of a vote had been offer'd and rejected, the Synod came generally to acquiesce in this, vizt:—Shall Mr Abernethy be transported to Usher's Key? shall he be transported to the old Congregation of Belfast? or shall he continue in Antrim? But some moving that this vote, when put, should not determine this affair, but that there might be a vote afterwards put, and others moving that this vote should determine this affair, the previous question was first ordered to be put—Shall this aforesaid vote, when put, be conclusive, and finally determine and issue this affair, or not? But before this question the Mod^r was desir'd to call upon a Minister to pray to God for light and direction to this Synod in this weighty affair, who accordingly desir'd the Rev^rd Mr Samuel Hallyday to pray, and all parties were call'd in to joyn in pray^r. After pray^r, the parties being again remov'd, the question was put—Shall this vote, when put, be conclusive of and finally determine and issue this affair, or not? and it carry'd by a majority in the negative. Then the main question was put in these words—Shall Mr Abernethy be transported to Usher's Key? shall he be transported to the old Congregation of Belfast? or shall he continue in Antrim? and, after the Roll was call'd, and every member present had giv'n his vote, the Clerk was ordered to number the votes that were for every part of the Question, that so the Synod might the better know how to put the following vote, which by a former vote of the Synod is to be put before this affair be issued. The Clerk made report that the greatest number of votes were for Mr Abernethy's continuance in Antrim, that the number of voices next to these was for his transportation to Usher's Key, and the smallest number for his transportation to Belfast.

The state of the vote is *tripartite*.

That vote not conclusive of the affair.

Now the state of the vote was—Transport to Usher's Key, to Belfast, or continue in Antrim?

Continue in Antrim.

The Synod, upon this report, agreed to exclude Belfast out of their following vote, and that it should be put betwixt Usher's Key and Antrim in these words—Transport Mr Abernethy from the Congregation of Antrim to Usher's Key in Dublin, or not? But before the Question was put, it was mov'd that the Rev^d M^r Jo^n McBride and the Revd Mr James Kirkpatrick, with their Elders, were not now parties in this affair, seing the old Congregāon of Belfast is not in the vote, and therefore had a right to give their voices as judges. Order'd, that they be call'd in; and a motion was also agreed to, that considering the affair before the Synod is of great consequence to the good of precious souls, and the advantage of this Church, therefore another Brother should be call'd on to pray before it be finally issu'd. Accordingly, the Mod^r desir'd the Revd Mr Richd Choppin to pray, and all parties were call'd in to joyn in pray^r. After pray^r, the parties being again remov'd, the Question was put—Transport Mr Abernethy to Usher's Key, or not? and it carry'd by a majority, transport to Usher's Key.

Transport to Usher's Key, or continue in Antrim?

Transport to Usher's Key.

Then the parties were call'd in, and the sentence of the Synod was intimated to them, and the Mod^{r} addresst himself to the several parties in suitable exhortations, according as this dispensation of Divine Providence was joyous or afflicting to them. Mr Abernethy desir'd leave to speak, which being granted he expresst his surprize at the determination of the Synod, and this issue being unexpected he was not prepar'd to speak on it at this time, and therefore desir'd that the Synod would allow him to lay his thoughts upon it before them next week, which the Synod very readily granted.

Then the Synod, considering that they have not yet determin'd whether to loose Mr Abernethy's relation to the North and fix it to the Prēsbry of Dublin or not, resolv'd to consider this affair next week.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till Munday, being the 23^{d} instant, at four a clock in the afternoon; and the Committees are to meet at two that afternoon.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 9.

Die lunae horâ 4 post merid:

Post preces Sederunt, &c.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd and subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

Gallway.

The Comittee of Bills laid before the Synod a Comission from the Congregation of Gallway, to the Revrd Mr William Hair and Mr Evan Tyler, to appear and act in their name, which was read and sustain'd; and likewise a Supplication from that Congregation, holding out the difficulty both of the Congregation and of their Minister, and praying for the compassionate regard of the Synod. This Supplication was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures, as far as it respects the Congregation and Meeting House; and to the Comittee of Funds, as far as it respects the Minister.

Drum Appeals from a sentence of the Presbry of Longford erecting Coothill into a distinct Congregāon.

The Comittee of Bills inform'd the Synod they had an appeal from some part of the Congregation of Drum, from a sentence of the Prēsbry of Longford, to lay before us, and all the papers relating to that affair, when the Synod will please to receive them. Order'd, that they be now receiv'd and read; and they were read accordingly. The titles of these papers are as follows:—A Comission from a part of the Congregation of Drum, to Capt Robert Hamilton, Mr Robert Moor, and Mr Archbald Vans, which was sustain'd; then the sentence of the Presbytry erecting Coothill, formerly a part of the Congregāon of Drum, into a distinct congregation; next, an appeal from that sentence, with reasons to support it, and the answer of the Presbytry to these reasons; then the papers which had been laid before the Presbytry before they past sentence, vizt, a Supplication from the people of Coothill to be erected into a Congregation, and the reasons they offer'd for the desir'd Erection; a Supplication from the other part of the Congregation of Drum to the Presbytry, for the continuance of Coothill as a part of Drum Congregation, and the reasons they offer'd to enforce their Supplication. Then there was read and sustain'd a Comission from the people of Coothill

to Mr Hugh Caderwood and Mr Daniel McAlexander, to appear as their Comissrs before this Synod. A Supplication, subscrib'd by these Commrs in the name of their constituents, desiring that the sentence of the Presbytry should be confirm'd; and a Supplication subscrib'd by the Comissrs of Drum, desiring the sentence of the Presbytry to be revers'd.

After these paprs were read, the parties spake and were fully heard: first the Comissrs from Drum, who are the appellants; then the Presbytry in Vindication of their sentence; and the Comissrs from Coothill, setting forth the reasonableness of confirming the Presbyterie's sentence; and then were remov'd.

Then the Synod, after serious deliberation, came to this vote—Had the people of Drum just cause to appeal from the sentence of the Presbytry of Longford, or not? and it carry'd, they had just cause to appeal; but the Synod declares that it is not their mind by this vote to determine that the sentence of the Presbytry was unjust as to the merits of the cause, but only that they gave sentence too precipitantly, without allowing the people of Drum sufficient time to answer the reasons advanc'd for the Erection; and, that the Synod might have further light as to the merits of the cause, they appointed Mr James Bruce, Mr John Hutcheson, and Mr Umphry Thompson, to discourse the people of Drum concerning their ability to maintain a Minister, in case Coothill should be erected into a distinct Congregation, and likewise to discourse the Comissrs from Coothill, and to make report to morrow morning. Then the parties were call'd in and this sentence of the Synod was intimated to them, and the Moderator recomended to the Presbytry of Longford that they would be more deliberate for the future in their conclusions.

Drum had just cause to appeal: yet dos not judge the sentence on the merits of the cause: only the Prebry was precipitant in the sentence.

A Motion was made and agreed to, that as there is an unhappy difference in the Congregation of Lisburn, betwixt the Session and Congregation on the one part, and Mr Daniel Kinly on the other part, in which the Presbytry of Belfast is someway concern'd, in order to remove it, the Synod would appoint a Comittee to hear and consider this affair, and endeavour by some Overtures to bring it to a friendly accomodation; and Mr Francis Iredell, Mr John Abernethy, Mr William Smith, Mr James Reid, Mr Gilbert Kenedy, and Mr William Livingston, Ministers, Conll Upton, Mr Arthur Kenedy, Mr Arthur Maxwell, John Hanyng, and William McCrery, Elders, are nam'd and appointed as a Comittee who are to meet this night, and to adjourn themselvs from time to time, and to advertise parties that this affair may be brought to a happy issue, and they are to report what Overtures they make to this Synod.

Lisburn. Daniel Kinlay. A Com: to make healing Overtures and report.

The Synod adjourn'd till ten a clock to morrow morning; the Comitteess to meet at eight; the Ministers to meet in an Interloqr immediately after this Sederunt.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Die Martis horâ decima ante merid: Sess: 10ma.

Post preces Sederunt.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

The Comittee about Drum & Coothill make report.

The Ministers appointed to converse with the Comiss^{rs} from Drum and Coothill, according to order, made report that they had converst with the Comiss^{rs}, and found difficulty on both sides, if Coothill should be erected or if it should not be erected into a distinct congregation; but it was their opinion upon the whole, that it would be more for the Interest of Religion and of that part of the Countrey, that Coothill be erected into a distinct Congregation.

The Synod erects Coothill. A Comittee to assist in what relates to Drum and Coothill, &c.

The Synod, having seriously consider'd this report, came to this vote—Erect Coothill into a distinct Congregation now, or not? and it carry'd by a great majority, erect now. But the Synod, in order to make both these Congregations more comfortable, appoints the Presbytry of Longford, with these correspond^{ts}—from Augher, Mr Umphry Thompson, Mr Alex^{r} Fleming; from Ardmagh, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr James Johnston; from Tyrone, Mr Thomas Milikin, Mr Nath^{ll} Cochren—to meet at Drum on the sixteenth day of July next, being Wednesday; who are to assist both Drum and Coothill in fixing their Meeting Houses, to settle accoumpts betwixt Mr Samuel McGachy and his people as to their arrears, and to secure the payment of them, especially from the Congregation of Coothill as to their proportion; and to do whatever else may tend to the comfort of Brother McGachy and these two Congregations.

Belfast supplicate that a Comittee may be granted in favour of that Congregaon.

A Supplication from the old Congregation of Belfast, allow'd by the Prēsbry of Belfast and Comittee of Bills to be laid before this Synod was read, wherein they desire that in case they fix upon and call an ordain'd Minister at a considerable distance of time from the Meeting of the Synod, a Comittee may be now nam'd and appointed finally to determine that affair; and that the Synod would consider of some means to assist their aged pastor. This Supplication was granted *in terminis*, and the Synod will name the Comittee before this Sederunt conclude, who shall have full power to determine in that affair, and that there shall lye noe appeal from them to this Synod. Nevertheless, the Synod agrees that that Comittee shall be accountable; and if they meet shall lay an account of their proceeding before the next Synod. The Synod will also consider of some method to assist M^{r} McBride.

The Synod now proceeded to name the Comittee to determine in the affair of the old Congregation of Belfast. The following Ministers and Elders are nam'd as the Comittee to determine the said affair:—

The Comittee appointed for the affair of Belfast. The Prēsbry of Belfast to call that Comittee.

From the Presbytry of Belfast—Mr James Cobham, Mr Robert Sinclar, Mr Michael Bruce, Ministers; Mr Arthur Keñedy, Elder.

From Antrim—Mr Alexand^{r} Brown, Mr William Livingston, Mr Thomas Shaw, Ministers; Mr John Shaw, Elder.

From Tyrone—Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Henry Crooks, Mr David Thomb, Ministers; Capt James Stephenson, Elder.

From Ardmagh—Mr George Lang, Mr Gilbert Keñedy, Mr James Fleming, Ministers; Mr Myles Rely, Elder.

From Colerain—Mr Robert Haltridg, Mr Robert McBride, Mr John Cochren, Ministers; Mr Gawin Steel, Elder.

From Derry—Mr John Harvy, sen^{r}, Mr Jo^{n} Stirling, Mr Sam^{ll} Ross, Ministers; Mr Jo^{n} Harvey, Elder.

From Straban—Mr Nehemiah Doñaldson, Mr Victor Ferguson, Ministers; Mr Jon Wilson, Elder.

From Augher—Mr John McGachy, Mr Thomas Macclane, Ministers; Capt Robt Wilson, Elder.

From Longford—Mr James Tate, Mr David Sim, Ministers; Mr Robert Ferlie, Elder.

From Latterkeñy—Mr Francis Laird, Mr David Ferlie, Ministers; Capt Jo: Henderson, Elder.

From Down—Mr James Bruce, Mr William Biggar, Mr Hugh Ramsey, Ministers; Mr Jon Blackwood, Elder.

Twenty one of these to be a Quorum, whereof sixteen are to be Ministers and five Elders. The place appointed for their meeting is DunGennan. The Prēsbry of Belfast is empower'd to call this Comittee, when the affair upon which they are to meet is ripe for their consideration, and they are to give all the members timeous advertisement of their meeting. The several Prēsbries have power, in case any of their members here appointed cannot attend, to appoint others in their place; but they are not to excuse any but for sufficient reasons. The consideration of that part of the Supplication of Belfast, relating to the assistance desir'd by Mr McBride, is adjourn'd till next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till 5 *post merid:* All the Ministers to meet in an Interloqr at 3. This Session concluded with prayr.

Die Martis hora 5a post merid: Sess: 11a.

Post preces Sederunt.

The Minuts of last Session were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

The Synod, according to order, took that part of the Supplication of the old Congregation of Belfast which relates to the assisting of the Revd Mr John McBride into their consideration.

Mr James Kirkpatrick mov'd, in the name of Mr McBride and of the Congregation, that it is not their intention in that Supplication to desire Synodical Supplies; but that the Synod would recomend it to the Ministers that upon their getting timeous advertisement from Mr McBride they would readily assist him; and likewise that the Synod would recomend it to the several Presbytries that, upon application from the Presbytry of Belfast, they would send any of their members whom that Presbytry desires to supply Belfast for a short time. This the Synod agreed to, and recomended to the several Prēbries and Brethren. Assistance to Mr McBride propos'd and granted.

From CastleBlaney appear'd Comissr Robert McCallom, whose Comission was read and sustain'd. He produc'd a Supplication allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, which was read, wherein it's desir'd that that people may be put on the Fund, and that the Synod would recomend it to the Presbytry of Augher to invite Mr Samuel Hemphill, now a Probationer in the Presbytry of Longford, into their Presbytry, that CastleBlaney.

they may have an opportunity of proceeding by regular steps to call him. The Comiss^r being askt what that Congregation would give to the support of a Minister, he answer'd their promises amount to Twenty pounds.

Referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

Mr Arthur Maxwell, of Drumbeg, in the County of Down, promises to give Thirty shill: ℔ year toward the support of a Minister in that Congregation. The Synod referr'd the first part of the Supplication to the Comittee of Funds, and the second part, relating to Mr Hemphill, to the Interloqitur. Enquiry was made if the money promist by the Ministers at last Synod to assist that people in building their Meeting House was paid. Several have not paid. Order'd, that these who have not paid do immediately pay it to Mr Robert Rainey for the use of that Congregation.

Kinaird.

From Kinaird appear'd Robert Grierson, Comiss^r, whose Comission was read and sustain'd. He produc'd a Supplication allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, representing the melancholly circumstances of that Congregation: was read. The Synod refers and recomends the state of that Congregation to the Synod of Ardmagh.

Ban Breaky.

From Barn Breaky appear'd Comiss^rs Patrick McFerran and Nathan Nisbitt, whose Comission was read and sustain'd. They produc'd a Supplication allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, representing the weak state of that Congregation, and desiring assistance from the Synod, that they may be able to support a Minister. The Synod refers this to the Comittee of Funds to take special care to make provision for that Congregation, and the Synod, upon the report of the Comittee, will reconsider this affair, and see to give reasonable assistance to that people. Mr Arthur Maxwel, formerly mention'd, promises to give a Guinea yearly toward the support of that Congregation.

Athlone.

A letter from Major Thomas Handcock, representing the state of the Congregation of Athlone, was read, and is referr'd to the Comittee of Funds, who are to call the Presbytry of Colerain as to their arrears to Mr Samuel Dunlop of Athlone, and how they observ'd the Minut of last Synod with respect to those arrears.

The Synod adjourn'd till nine a clock to morrow morning; the Comittees to meet at seven; the Ministers to meet in an Interloq^r immediately after this Sederunt.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 12^a.

Die Mercur: horâ nona ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt, &c:

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by the Moderator and Clerk.

A Minut relating to an Order of last Synod upon the Presbytry of Ardmagh, with respect to the arrears due by them to Lurgan, Dundalk, and VeniCash, was, according to order, read; and the Presbytry of Ardmagh being call'd on, and not able to give an account of their dili-

gence in that affair, the Synod orders them at their first Sederunt after the receit of the Synod Minuts to state accounts with these Congregations, and to take effectual methods to pay up these arrears; and in order to that the Synod appoints that Presbytry to allow themselvs full time deliberately to consider that affair, and that all their Members attend, and the Synod empowers that Presbytry to stop the Reg: Don: off those members who are deficient untill payment be made; and the Presbytry are to give account of their diligence in this to next Synod, under pain of the Censure of the Synod.

Ardmagh Prebry state accots with Lurgan, Dundalk, Venicash *sub pœnâ.*

Sub pœnâ.

The Presbytries of Antrim, Down, Belfast, and Ardmagh were askt if they had paid to Moywater the sums laid on them by last Synod. They all answer'd they had not, but would pay it before the Synod rises.

Pay Moywater.

The Comittee of Overtures laid before the Synod these following Overtures for their approbation:—

Com: of Overts.

1. Whereas this Comittee observes that our Rule, formerly enacted concerning Inferior Judicatories passing sentence in the several cases coming before them, seems to be much neglected to the disturbance of the Synod, and the preventing of justice—It's overtur'd that all Prēsbries and Sub-Synods passe sentence in every affair brought regularly before them, or, if they refer the same, that they have no vote in the affair or affairs referr'd.

No inferior judicatories. refer affairs to the Synod, or they shall not have a vote in the matter referr'd.

This Overture was debated, and, after reasoning, the Synod came to this vote—Approve this Overture now or transmit it to the several Prēsbries to be consider'd? And it carry'd, approve it now.

The second Overture, relating to the Meeting House of Gallway, was read, but not approv'd: but to answer the end of that Overture the Synod recomends to the Congregation of Galway to see to get assistance for the building their Meeting House by subscriptions; and the Moderator, in name of the Synod, did recomend to Brother Choppin to represent to the Presbytry of Dublin that it would be very acceptable to the Synod if they would recomend it to their Congregations to contribute to that work; and the Synod also recomends it to the several Presbytries and Congregations within their bounds to contribute to it.

Galway to be assisted in building their Meeting House.

The third Overture was read and agreed to, and is as follows:— That the Presbytries should speedily applott the money laid on them by the Synod upon the several Congregations within their bounds, and that they should appoint certain Congregations to pay what is applotted on them to the several Congregations, in case there be more than one who are by the Synod put on them, and the names of these Congregations to be return'd to the several Ministers of these Congregations which are put on them, that accotts may be kept clear, and these Ministers may know what Congregations to apply to for their assistance.

Applott on Congregations for conveniency of Ministers to be assisted.

An Overture was made by some Brethren, and agreed to, that the Presbytry concurring in a Call to transport a Minister of another Presbytry to a Congregāon within their bounds, shall not sit as judges in the determination of that affair.

The affair of the Congregation of Logh Brickland, with respect to some families disjoyn'd from them by an act of the former Synod, and joyn'd to Bellyrony, is referr'd to the Presbytry of Ardmagh.

L: Bricklan.

Charity to Sam: Carson.

A petition of Samuel Carson for Charity, desiring that he might be recomended to the Congregations in Dublin belonging to this Synod, was read and granted; and these Presbytries and Congregations in the Synod of Ardmagh who have not observ'd the Minut of last Synod, recomending the said Samuel Carson to their Charity, are now appointed to observe it.

Adjourn'd till 4 a clock *post merid*: The Comittees to meet at 3; and the Ministers to meet in an Interloq^{r} immediately.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 13a.

Die Mercury hora 4^{a} post merid:

Post preces Sederunt.

The Minuts of last Sederunt were read, approv'd, and subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

A Testim^{ll} giv'n to Mr Cornwall.

A Testimonial ordered to be drawn up for the Revrd Mr William Cornwall who is going to America, was read, approv'd. Order'd to be subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

Lisburn.

The Comittee appointed in the affair of Lisburn made report that they had agreed upon some Overtures as terms of peace and accomodation in that Congregation, which were order'd to be read; and, after reading, the parties were call'd in, and they were again read in their hearing, and are as follows:

1. It is declar'd that the Minister, Session, and Congregation of Lisburn shall enjoy all the privileges which of right belong to any Minister, Session and Congregation in this Synod.

Danl Kinlay.

2. It doth not appear to us, that there ought to lye any reflexion of falshood or prevarication on the Revrd M^{r} McCracken, or the witnesses who have asserted that there was, upon a state of accounts a ballance of sixty pounds due to M^{r} McCracken, some years before the year 1698, and that Mr Daniel Kinly shall declare before the Synod that he never did intend to charge, and doth not now charge, M^{r} McCracken or the Session with fraud or prevarication in that matter, and he doth believe that M^{r} McCracken never did to his knowledg or would allow himself to wrong the Congregation of Lisburn in any accounts whatsoever.

Overtures on the affair.

3. That the debates in the Session and Congregation of Lisburn, relating to the said Daniel Kinly, shall cease and never be reviv'd; and if any member of the Session or Congregation shall carry disorderly, the said Session shall proceed in that case according to rules, and the Presbytry shall support their authority.

4. That it be recomended in the most pressing maner to all parties, to bury in perpetual oblivion all the heats and animosities which have been during the dependence of the said affair, and that they sincerely endeavour, in the fear of God, to cultivate brotherly kindness and Charity.

5. That these Overtures, when agreed to by the Synod, shall be read publickly in the Congregation of Lisburn.

The parties were askt if they acquiesc'd in these Overtures of terms of peace. Mr McCracken, in name of the Session and Congregation, did acquiesce in them. Mr Daniel Kinlay answer'd that he acquiesces in them for his part, and he did before the Synod make that publick declaration which the second Overture requir'd him to make, and is in these words—that he never did intend to charge and doth not now charge Mr McCracken or the Session with fraud or prevarication in that matter, and he doth believe that Mr McCracken never did to his knowledg or would allow himself to wrong the Congregation of Lisburn in any accounts whatsoever. The Presbytry of Belfast likewise declar'd their acquiescence in these Overtures.

All parties acquiesce.

Then, parties being remov'd, this Question was put—Doth this Synod approve these Overtures as terms of peace in that Congregation, or not? and it carry'd unanimously, approve. Then the parties were again call'd in, and the Moderator, in the name of the Synod, exhorted to both parties peace, and to live in love as it becomes Christians, and exhorted the Session and Congregation of Lisburn to pay all due regard to the Presbytry of Belfast, and that Presbytry to take a tender care of them. Mr James McAlpin is appointed to preach in Lisburn next Lord's day, and read these Minuts to the Congregation, and recomend peace, charity, and Christian forbearance to them. The Presbytry of Down is appointed to supply Bellynahinch that day.

The Synod approves the Overtures.

All parties were exhorted to live in peace.

Then the Synod, according to order, resum'd the consideration of loosing or continuing Mr Abernethy's relation to the North, and, after long reasoning, put this Question—Determine this affair now or not? and it carry'd determine now. Then this question was order'd to be put—Loose Mr Abernethy's relation to this Synod or not? But before the Question Mr William Livingston desir'd that he might have leave to withdraw, and accordingly did withdraw, and the remanent members of the Presbytry of Antrim likewise withdrew before the vote. Then the question was put, and it carry'd by a great majority, loose his relation to the Synod, and Mr Kirkpatrick is appointed to write a letter to the Presbytry of Dublin on this affair, and to lay it before the Synod to morrow morning.

Loose Mr Abernethy's relation to the Synod.

Against this vote the Revrd Mr Charles Masterton protested in his own name, and the name of all those who will adhere to him in this protestation, untill a due concert should be had betwixt the Revrd Synod and the Brethren in Dublin and the South, and desir'd his protestation to be entred in our records. To this protestation these following Brethren adher'd—Mr Willm Taylor, senr, Mr Alexr Brown, Mr William Livingston, Mr James Crichton, Mr John Henderson, Mr Thomas Wilson, Mr Thomas Shaw, Mr Samuel Getty, Mr James White, and Mr Nathaneel Cochren, and desir'd their names to be entred in our records and promist to give their reasons in due time.

Mr Masterton protests agt the vote. Brn adhere to the protestation.

Then the Synod proceeded to this vote—Limit the time of Mr Abernethy's leaving Antrim or not? and it carry'd limit the time. In pursuance of this vote the Synod came to this resolution, that Mr Abernethy may continue in Antrim three moneths from this time, and that after that he be oblig'd to remove. Then the Comissrs from Antrim were call'd in, and this Sentence of the Synod was intimated to them.

Mr Abernethy to continue in Antrim three moneths, after which to remove.

Then the Comiss^rs said that they hop'd that they would not be mistaken by the Synod, nor give offense to them by what they are to say, but they had it in Comission from their Constituents to declare that it was their opinion that they have still a right to Mr Abernethy's Ministry, and they resolve still to cleave to him as their Minister, and solicit him to cleave to them.

The Synod adjourn'd till eight a clock to morrow morning. The Comittees to meet at seven,

This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 14.

Die Jovis horâ octava ante merid:

Post preces Sederunt.

M^r McClane pay his arrears.

Mr Simson complaining that the order of the Synod with relation to the arrears due to Mr Archb^d Macclane, Probationer from the Synod of Argyle, was not observ'd.

Order'd, that the Presbytries, at their first Sederunt, shall applott and speedily collect this money, and return it to Mr Neil McNeil of Belfast for Mr Macclane's use.

The Com: of Funds.

The Comittee of Funds made report and laid before the Synod the state of the accounts of the several Prēsbries, as far as they could fix them, and some Overtures to get up the arrears from the several Presbytries; which, with some amendments, were agreed to, and are as follows:—

Applotmt on the Presbries.

The Applottment by the Comittee of Funds on the several Presbytries.—

Belfast,	42	to Kirkdoñald 4 : –, Droheda 25 : –, Moyra 5 : –, Dundalk 8 :–
Down,	29	to Gallway 20 : –, Droheda 5 : –, Edenderry 2 : 10 : –, Badoni 0 : 10 : 0, Dundalk 1 : 0 : 0.
Antrim,	31	to Dunean 5 : –, Dundalk 17 : 10, Edenderry 5 : 10, Glenarm 3 : – : –
Ardmagh,	32	to VeniCash 9 : –, Lurgan 10 : –, Edenderry 7 : –, Droheda 5 : –, CastleBlaney 1 : 0 : 0.
Longford,	10	to Belturbet 10 : –
Augher,	16 : 10	to Belturbet 10 : –, CastleBlaney 6 : 10 :–
Tyrone,	17 : 10	to LoghGall 12 : – CastleBlaney 3 : 10 : – Glendivadock 2 : – : –
Straban,	14 : 10	to Stranorler 6 : –, Doo 7 : –, Glendivadock 1 : 10 : –
Colerain,	21	to Athlone 10 : –, Dundalk 3 : 10 . –, Slego 5 : 10 : – Golan 2 : – : –
Latterkenny,	11	to Slego 9 : 10 : –, Doo 0 : 10 : 0, Badoni 1 : – : –
Derry,	25	to Moywater 15 : –, Golan 2 : –, Badoni 6 : – Glendivadock 2

The Applotment of the Comittee at Newry, Novem^r 13th, 1717, for our Comiss^rs at London, and an account of what has been paid of the said sums.

	To pay	is paid.
Belfast, ...	41	34 : 2 : 7
Down, ...	28	24 : –
Antrim.	30	24 : –
Ardmagh, ...	31	25 : –
Longford, Augher, ..	26 : 10 : –	24 : –
Tyrone, ...	16 : 10	16 : –
Latterkeny, Straban, Derrry, ..	49 : 10	40 : –
Colerain, ...	21 : –	12

Mr Abernethy represented to the Synod the hard circumstances of Mr Willm Taylor, sen^r, occasion'd by the injustice of his Congregation, who are in very great arrears to him, and give him but very litle yearly to support his numerous family, though they are able, so that he has unavoidably fall'n in great arrear as to his rent, and in considerable debt beside ; and that the Presbytry of Antrim have taken all the pains they could with his Congregation to make them dutifull but without success, thô at the same time that Presbytry is satisfy'd that the Congregation has no exception at all nor dislike to their Minister, but, on the contrary, prefer him in their esteem to any other.

Mr Taylor, sen^r.

His hard circumstances by want of support.

The Synod considering this melancholly case, appointed Mr Abernethy, Mr Francis Iredell, Mr Mairs, Mr Lang, Mr Henderson, to go out and draw up Overtures upon this and to lay it before the Synod.

A Comission and Supplication from Glenavy, to John Greg and others, was read and sustain'd. In the Supplication they held forth the state of that Congregation, and desiring the advice of the Synod— Mr John Riddell gave in a paper containing reasons why he did not comply with the advice of the Presbytry of Belfast to forgive his arrears for sixty pound present payment: then the Prēsbry gave an account of their diligence in that affair, and the reasons why they gave Mr Riddell such advice. Mr Riddell and the Comiss^rs from Glenavy being heard, were remov'd, and the Synod appointed Mr James Bruce, Mr John Mairs, and Mr Alexand^r McCracken to converse with Mr Riddell.

Glenavy.

Mr Riddell.

The Comittee sent out to draw Overtures with respect to Mr Taylor's case laid the Overtures they had agreed upon before the Synod, which were read and agreed to, and are as follows:—

1. That the Synod enjoyn the Presbytry of Antrim to loose Mr Taylor's relation to the Congregation of Drumall in November next, if that Congregation do not justice to him at or before that time.

Overtures relating to Mr Taylor.

2. That, after he is so loos'd, he shall be strictly enjoyn'd to exercise noe part of his Ministerial work among that people, otherwise than by order of the Prēbry of Antrim.

3. That this Synod recomend to the several Prēbries that, as soon as they can conveniently, they will raise for the Revd Mr William Taylor a Crown from every Minister belonging to their Prēsbry; but, because Ministers' external circumstances are not equal, it will answer the design of this Overture if they will collect so much as will amount to a Crown from each Minister, getting some more from those in better circumstances to make up the deficiency of those that are poorer, and this money so collected, to be paid according to the order of the Prēsbry of Antrim; and that Prēsbry, to make this more effectual, is to write a moving letter setting forth Mr Taylor's circumstances, a Copy of which is to be transmitted to every Prēbry, and the Minut of this Synod relating to this affair is to be inclos'd in it.

4. If Mr Taylor do not obey the injunction of the Prēbry of Antrim, in not exercising any part of his Ministry in Drumall, that in that case he shall not expect these contributions. A letter to be writ to the Congregāon of Drumall containing the substance of these Overtures.

This case is earnestly recomended to the several Presbytries.

Overture abt Mr Riddel and Glenavy. The Synod approves, Mr Riddel agrees, Belf^{t} to prevail wth the people.

The Ministers sent out to converse with Mr Riddell made report that they had done so, and make this Overture—That the people of Glenavy be oblig'd to pay seventy pound sterl^{g} to Mr Riddell, in lieu of the arrears they owe him, and that his proportion of Reg: Don: be continu'd while he continues in the Kingdom, and that the Prēsbry of Belfast expresse all brotherly love to him, and take all the care they can of him. This Overture the Synod approves. The parties being call'd, Mr Riddell declar'd he was satisfy'd with it; but the other party not having particular Instructions about this affair, it is recomended to the Presbytry of Belfast to see to prevail wth that people to pay up the seventy pound.

Preach to Irish.

The Presbytries of Antrim and Belfast are appointed joyntly to take care of preaching to the Irish in Killilagh and Killmakevat.

What relates to the Irish referr'd to the Comittee.

It being mov'd that the Synod, not having time to consider the Minuts of last Synod with relation to the Irish, this be referr'd to the Synod's Comittee, and they empower'd to fall upon such measures as shall seem best to them, for promoting the good design of converting the Irish, and in case they be call'd to meet on other affairs: this was agreed to.

The several Presbytries are to read at their first meeting the Minuts of last Synod relating to the Irish, and endeavour to put them in practice as far as they are practicable by them.

Mr Kirkpatrick, according to order, read the letter he was appointed to write to the Prēsbry of Dublin, which was approv'd.

Fraternal Censures.

Fraternal Censures.

The Br^{n} of the Prēbries present were remov'd.

The Prēbry of Belfast was approv'd. Tyrone approv'd. Colerain, none here. Derry, but one here. Ardmagh approv'd. Straban, none here. Augher, none here. Latterkeny approv'd. Down approv'd.

The Clerk to mark the absent, with the time of their absence, and insert their names in the Minuts, that they may be called to an account at next Synod.

Belfast—Mr Malcom, Mr Wirling, absent on the second week.

Antrim—Mr Leech absent this week. Mr Getty absent this day.

Tyrone—Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr David Thomb, Mr Hugh Wallace, away this week.

Ardmagh—Mr Macclane, Mr Wilson, Mr Cherrie, away this week.

Colerain—None present.

Derry—All away except Mr Ross.

Straban—All away except Mr Doñaldson, Mr McCracken, Mr Ferguson.

Augher—All away except Mr Thomas McClane, Mr John McGachy.

Latterkeñy—All here but Mr Robert Wilson.

Straitness of time would not allow a reading of the Minuts of the Comittee of the whole House at last Synod, nor the Minuts of the Synod's fixt Comittee, met at Newry Nōbr last, and at DunGeñan Janry last.

This Synod concluded with prayr.

Interloquitur I.

The former Synod having appointed all members of the Synod to abstain from visits or publick houses in time of any Sederunt of the Synod, the Moderator desir'd all the members now to observe that Act.

The Presbytry of Monaghan made report that they have not obey'd the appointment of last Synod concerning Mr Darrogh, and gave reasons for their not obeying it. Mr Thomas Macclane, present Minister in Monahan, desir'd the judgment and advice of this Synod—how he shall receive those who have been Mr Darrogh's hearers since his deposition, and are now willing to return to be members of the Congregation of Monahan, and whether the children baptiz'd by him be validly baptiz'd or not. This Interloqr agree to refer the Comittee of Overtures to bring in an Overture to give direction to the Presbytry of Monahan how to proceed with Mr Darrogh, and how these that have been Mr Darrogh's hearers should be receiv'd upon their being willing to return to be orderly members of that Congregation, and that the Presbytry of Monahan attend the said Comittee to give them all the light they can in these things. The Question concerning the validity or invalidity of Baptism administred by Mr Darrogh since his deposition will be debated by the Synod.

What to do with these who have been Mr Darroch's hearers since his deposition, referr'd to the Com: of Overtures.

2.

Mr Samuel Hallyday, junr, is now present. He told us that, according to the desire of the Comittee at Newry, he did act in conjunction with Mr Stephens (then in London) and other freinds what could be done at that time with reference to Instructions formerly

Mr Hallyday.

giv'n. A letter from Mr Stephens to the same purpose was read: having giv'n account of his diligence, the Interloqr desir'd him to remove. This report being consider'd, he has given evidence of his zeal for our Interest. It was agreed to give him thirty pound out of the first additional Reg: Don: that comes into Mr Blair's hand. Our Clerk is to give an order to Mr Blair to pay the said money to Mr Hallyday or his order. The Moderator was desir'd to thank Mr Hallyday in our name for his good offices.

Give to him 30 pound out of first additll Reg: Don:

MrUpton, Mr Iredell.

There being money due to Conll Upton and Mr Iredell for their service done to this Church, the said money was applotted on the several Presbytries. Mr Tho: Nevin, who has been sometime Clerk to the Comittee of Funds, was appointed to report to us to-morrow morning what payments have been made for the aforesaid use.

Castle Blany.

Mr Hemphill.

A letter from Ld Blaney was read, wherein he sets forth his regard to the Protestant Dissenters in his Countrey; that the people of that Congregation have made choice of Mr Samuel Hemphill to be their Pastor; that Mr Hemphill is in the Prēbry of Longford. His Ldship wrot to that Prēbry on account of that people. They want a Meeting House, but are not able to build it. He is willing to help them: desir'd the assistance and countenance of this Synod in this good design. This was referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

Mr Kirkpatrick to write in name of this Interloqr and signify our regard to his Lordship's letter.

Mr Hillhouse.

A letter from William Connolly, Esqr, desiring this Synod may recomend Mr Hillhouse to the Congregation of Newton Lymavady.

Mr Abernethy to write an answer to Mr Connolly.

A Brother told us that he saw Mr Hillhouse, who told that he heard of such a letter, but it was intirely without his application, and desir'd that the Brethren might have a just opinion of him.

Mr Maquay. to receive R:D:

Mr Thomas Maquay, Collegue to Mr Alexandr Sinclar in Plunket street, Dublin, was ordain'd Nōvbr 7, 1717. Ordered that his name be return'd to Mr Blair, our Treasurer, who is to give him his proportion of Reg: Don: according to the time of his ordination.

3.

A paper fm Antrim to be read in the Synod.

The paper from the Congregation of Antrim, which the Comittee of Bills desir'd advice in from this Interloqr, whether it should be allow'd to be read in the Synod or not, was read. The Comissrs from Antrim were call'd in, who represented the melancholly circumstances of that Congregation, and that their design in accepting their Comission was to represent their case to the Synod, that some happy expedient may be fallen upon to allay the heats of that people and prevent the bad consequences of the Transportation. Mr Abernethy was also heard on this subject, and the Interloqr came to discourse of loosing or continuing his relation to the North. The Interloqr adjourn'd this debate till afterward, but allow'd the paper from Antrim to be read in the Synod.

4.

The Ministers resum'd the consideration of the affair of Antrim; and, after reasoning upon it, agreed to debate this matter and bring it to a conclusion in open Synod.

Then the Comittee of Overtures laid before us an Overture relating to Mr Darrogh, and is as follows:—

This Comittee, taking into consideration the representation that has been offer'd concerning Mr Darrogh's present case, do therefore Overture—That whereas the Synod hath proceeded with Mr Darrogh with great caution and deliberation, and has waited with patience for his amendment and reformation; but in stead thereof it is apparent he is more grossly scandalous and profane in his practice, and most disorderly in his walk, has cast off all bonds whatsoever, carrying himself as intirely giv'n up of God to a dissolute life, whereby he has made himself offensive to Christians of all denominations, and yet continues to preach, we, therefore, to shew our tenderness and regard to his precious Immortal Soul, do declare that if he do not reform and forsake his wicked courses, so contrary to all Religion, good order, and right reason, that in that case we resolve to proceed in inflicting on him the highest Censure of this Church, and declare him to be none of our Comunion, and appoints this to be read from the Pulpit. Overture concerning Mr Darroch,

Also, as to these persons who have adher'd to Mr Darrogh, that they be dealt with, with all tenderness and caution to bring them to a sense of their sin, and that afterwards they be admonisht by the Session. and concerning those who adher'd to him,

The Interloqr reasoning on said Overture, this Question was put to this Overture—Supposing, first, that the Presbyry get the facts judicially prov'n before them before the reading of what is there Overtured to be read from the Pulpit of the Congregation of Monaghan, with which amendment the Overture was unanimously agreed to. Approv'd.

The several Presbytries were appointed to chuse and return the names of their Members of the Synod's fixt Comittee. They are as follows:— Fixt Comittee.

From Belfast—	Gentlemen.
Mr Craford, Mr Kirkpatrick,	Mr Edmonstown,
Mr Seton, Mr Harper.	Mr Harry Dallway.
Antrim—	
Mr Abernethy, Mr Masterton,	Capt John Shaw,
Mr Crichton, Mr Wilson.	Capt Willm M'Cullogh.
Tyrone—	
Mr Milikin, Mr John Keñedy,	Mr Cunningham,
Mr McClave, Mr Nath: Cochren.	Mr Howston.
Ardmagh—	
Mr Hutcheson, Mr Wilson,	Capt McNeil,
Mr Johnston, Mr Rainey.	Mr Ballentyne.
Colerain—	
Mr Higinbotham,	Mr John Thompson,
Mr Porter, Mr Tho: Cobham.	Mr Ja: Ball.

Derry—
Mr Gray, Mr Tho: Harvy, Aldr Mackie,
Mr Jo: Harvy, junr, Mr Murray. Mr John Harvy.

Straban—
Mr Will: Holmes, Tho: Edwards, Esqr,
Mr Maxwell, Mr Jo: Ball. Capt Samll Perry.

Augher—
Mr Humphry Thompson, Capt Cairns,
Mr Boyd, Mr Macclane. Capt Hector Grhame.

Longford—
Mr Robert Thompson, Capt Wilson.
Mr Samuel McGachy.

Latterkeñy—
Mr Sam: Henry, Mr Lynd, Capt John Hendrson.
Mr Ja: Cochren.

Down—
Mr Tho: Orr, Mr Reid, Mr Trail,
Mr Biggar, Mr Nevin. Mr Robt Kyle.

The place of meeting is DunGeñan when the Comittee of Ministers meet by themselvs, but when they meet with the Brethren of the South, Newry is appointed to be the place. The Ministers in Dublin are empower'd to call this Comittee when the Brethren from the South are to meet with us; and if there be a necessity for the Comittee's meeting by themselvs, our Moderator, at the desire of three Prēbries, or any one of the Sub-Synods, is to call it, fifteen to be the Quorum. If any member can't go, his Prēsbry, on sufficient reasons, is to send another in his place.

15 the Quorum.

The Brethren considering the report made by Mr Hallyday in relation to our affairs, upon the whole it was agreed not to name the Comissrs now for negotiating our affairs on other side.

Mr Upton.

Conll Upton told us that he designs to go soon to Bristoll, from whence he intends to correspend with our freinds in London on our affairs. He was desir'd that, upon good intelligence of a prospect of success in what concerns this Church, he may apprise us of it, that the Comittee may be call'd to chuse and instruct our Comissr or Comissrs. Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Abernethy are to acquaint Mr Upton with this conclusion, and return him thanks for the kind offer.

Correspond with the Prebry of Munster.

Agreed, that Mr Alexr Hamilton, in Gallway, correspond from this Synod with the Ensueing Presbytry of Munster, the Clerk to give him a Comission.

A Petition from Galway, part whereof was referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures, another part was referr'd to the Comittee of Funds.

Galway recomended.

This Interloqr considering the necessitous circumstances of Gallway Congregation, recomends their case to well dispos'd Christians for assistance in building their Meeting house.

Dissuade fm printing obscene ballads.

Complaint being made that there are several obscene ballads printed in Belfast and dispers'd through the Countrey, the Moderator

desir'd Mr Kirkpatrick to represent to the printers, that the Ministers and several other godly persons take just offense at these Ballads, and therefore to advise them not to print such papers for the future.

Another Overture from the Comittee of Overtures, with respect to persons who have adher'd to Mr Darroch since his deposition, was read and agreed to, and is as above written.

With respect to rebaptizing those baptiz'd by Mr Darroch, the Comittee came to no conclusion, and the Interloqr thought fitt not to determine that question.

Mr Nevin was call'd to give an account of what the several Presbytries were in arrear of the money appointed to our Comissrs who were in London in the year 1714. He gave in his account, which see in the return made by the Comittee of Funds; he likewise gave an account of the arrears due to our Comissrs for the year 1716, which was sustain'd, which see in the return made by the aforesaid Comittee.

Report made of arrears due to our Comissrs.

The Interloqr, considering these great arrears, and that our Comissrs have suffer'd by the neglect of the several Prēsbries, agreed to recomend, in the most earnest maner, the consideration thereof to the several Prēsbries, that they, at their first sederunt after receit of the Synod's Minuts, applot and speedily pay up those arrears, and transmit the same to Mr Isaac McCartney, upon pain of the Censure of the Synod, and having their Reg: Don: stopt till payment be made.

Applot and collect the arrear or R: D: will be stopt.

Complaint being made that some weak Congregations are likely to sink wholly, we having that much at heart, and for continuing the Gospel in such places, order'd that Mr Brown, Mr Tate, Mr McCracken, with Thomas Edwards, Esqr, go out and frame an Overture how what is appointed for weak Congregations may be made more effectual.

Mr Mairs, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Nevin, or any two of them, are appointed to revise Mr Blair's accounts.

Upon Complaint made that the late Synod of Belfast gave order to Mr Blair to pay six pound to Mr John McGachy, which money was due to Mr Simson, of Dundalk, the order pursuant to this is as follows:—

To Mr B: Blair—

This Interloqr orders you, Mr Blair, to stop six pound out of the first Reg: Don: belonging to the Synod of Belfast, and pay it to Mr Simpson, of Dundalk; and you are to stop Mr MaGahy's R: D: till it amount to the sum of six pound, which is then to be distributed to the Membrs of the Synod of Belfast in place of the six pound that was ordered to be stopt from them to be paid to Mr Simson as aforesd.

Stop R: D: fm Belfast Synod that Mr Simson be refunded.

It appearing to this Interloqr that the Prēsbry of Derry is in great arrear to Mr Jon McGachy, Ordered, that that Prēsbry take effectual methods to pay him these arrears. In the mean time, because six pound of Mr MaGahy's Reg: Don: is ordered to be stopt, an account of his detaining that sum in his hands from the Prēsbry of Monahan, which was indeed due by the Prēsbry of Derry, this Synod orders the Clerk, in name of this Interloqr, to give an order to Mr Blair to stop six pound of the Prēbry of Derry's R: D: to refund said Mr MaGahy;

Stop 6 pound of Prēbry of Derry's R: D: payable to Mr MaGachy.

and if it do not appear to next Synod that this order on the Prēsbry of Derry is observ'd, this Interloq^{r} will move to next Synod that their R: D: be stopt to pay said arrear.

In relation to Mr Samuel Hemphill, of whom Ld Blaney writes, desiring that Mr Hemphill may be invited to the Prēsbry of Augher, in order to his being regularly fixt in CastleBlaney.

Mr Hemphill subjects to Augher Presbry.

The Interloq^{r} askt the Brethren in the Presbytry of Longford, in whose bounds that Probationer resides, a character of him. They did recomend his piety and good conversation. Two Brethren were sent out to said Mr Hemphill, that they may know his inclination to Castle Blaney, who, returning, made report that he has a great respect to Ban-Breaky, yet he is willing to be advis'd by the Interloq^{r}. He being call'd in, the Interloq^{r} advis'd him to subject to Augher Prēbry, with a view to settling in CastleBlaney. He acquiesc'd in the advice. He was promist encouragment.

From the Comittee of Funds, complaining of Derry and Straban Presbytries.

Stop R: D: belonging to Derry & Straban.

This Interloq^{r} orders the Reg: Don: belonging to Derry and Straban Prēsbries be stopt in Mr Blair's hand, till their proportion of the Fund justly due by them to those on the Fund be discharg'd.

Give 30 pnd to Mr Iredell.

Ordered, that Mr Blair pay to Mr Iredell thirty pound out of the first additional Reg: Don: that comes into Mr Blair's hand.

Dublin will send a Comr, if need be, & pay him.

Mr Halyday inform'd this Interloq^{r}, at the desire of Mr Choppin, that he was instructed by the Prēsbry of Dublin to signify to us that in case there be any occasion to send a Comiss^{r} over to London, that the said Prēsbry is willing to pay their own Comiss^{r}, and to send Com^{rs} to meet with the Comittee of this Synod at Newry, and name and instruct the said Com^{rs}.

Breaky.

Agreed, that when the Congregāon of Breaky is planted, the Minister shall have a double portion of Reg: Don:, and Mr Lee's widow shall have a single portion till that place be planted.

Advice abt additional R: D:

Mr Choppin represented to the Interloq^{r} that Mr Stephens, when he left London, had left the affair of the additional Reg: Donum to be manag'd by a Gen^{l}man there, and that gen^{l}man had since signify'd to the Prēsbry of Dublin, that he wanted a Comission from them in order to his being able to do them service in that affair, and that the Prēsbry of Dublin would make no step in this without consulting their Brethren in the North. The Interloq^{r} considering this affair, agreed to refer it to the Prēsbry of Dublin to do in it as they shall see fitt: Mr Kirkpatrick to signify this in his letter he is to write to the Prēbry of Dublin.

Seeing Mr Jo^{n} Magahy is not now on the Fund, Order'd that what is applotted on Enniskilling be allow'd to him.

Intr: ℘ AND: CRAFORD,
Cl: Syn: G^{ll}.

At a Genll Synod met in Belfast, June 16th, 1719. Sess: 1a.

Die Martis, horâ 5a post merid:

Mr William Biggar, Moderator, having open'd this Synod by preaching on Jude 3, after constitution by prayr, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Elders of this Synod.

ARDMAGH.

Minrs	Ruling Elders.
Mrs John Hutcheson	John Dicky
Alexr Colvill	John Hook
John Wilson	William Dowglas
George Lang	Rob: McCullogh
Gilbert Kenedy	Alexr Chalmers
James Fleming	Andrew Malcomson
Robert Rainey	James Ballentyne
James Johnston	John Carnohan
William McKay	James Herron
James Moor	Francis Moor
Robert Gordon	Hugh Fraser
Hugh Henry	
Patrick Simson	Capt Malcom McNeil
John Campbell	John Lawrie

STRABAN.

Mrs James Maxwell	Thomas Caldwell
Thomas Wynsly	John Bog
Alexr McCrackan, junr	
Nehem: Donaldson	
Victor Ferguson	

LONGFORD.

Mrs William Hair	
Thomas Anderson	
Robert Thompson	
David Sim	John Gibson
Alexr Hamilton	

ANTRIM.

Mrs Will: Taylor, senr	Josias Dun
Will: Leech	Jon Thomson
Alexr Brown	Mr Jo: McDowel

Charles Masterton .....Robert Sanderson
Will: Livingston .....Con^ll Upton
James Crichton .....Jo: McCa
John Hend^r^son .....Jo: Park
Thomas Shaw .....Jo: Wyly
Thomas Wilson .....Jo: Smely
William Taylor, jun^r^ .....Jo: Allan
Samuel Getty .....Ja: Jackson
James White .....Roger McNaight
Josias Clugston .....Rob: Ker

COLERAIN.

M-^rs^ Rob: Haltridg .....
Hen: Neil .....William Stirling
Rob: Higinbothā .....Mr Fra: Ross
Jo: Porter .....
Rob: McBride .....M^r^ Ja: Ball
Jo: Cochren .....Rob: Givan
Tho: Cobham .....Gawin Steel
Ja: Thompson .....John Burnes

AUGHER.

M-^rs^ Rob: Colthart .....
Baptist Boyd .....Tho: Forsyth
Umphry Thomson .....Jo: Sloan
Alex^r^ Fleming.....Hector Allen
Josias Cornwall .....David Bety
Sam: McGachine .....Alex^r^ Lawson
Thomas McClane .....Will: McMurran
Sam: Irwin .....Franc: Scot
Sam: Hemphill .....
Nath^ll^ Glasgow .....

DOWN.

M-^rs^ Ja: Bruce .....Mr Trail
Jo: Gawdie .....Pat: Vans
Hen: Hamilton .....Arch^d^ Milling
Ja: McAlpin.....Alex^r^ McClellan
Tho: Orr .....Will: Orr
Sam: Shenan .....Jo: Chirmside
Will: Biggar.....Wm Brysson
Will: Smith .....Jo: Clark
Ja: Reid .....Adam Donald
Hugh Ramsey .....
Arch^d^ Dickson.....And: Tod
Tho: Nevin .....Sam: McGee
Franc: Montgom^ry^ .....Jo: McClure
Tho: Eldar .....Jo: Copland

TYRONE.

M-rs Hen: Crooks.....Will: Weir
Tho: Kenedy .....Mr Jo: Boyd
Jo: McClave .....Ja: Birsby
Tho: Milikin .....Ja: Campbell
Hugh Wallace..... .....
Jo: Kenedy .....Dav: Blakely
Nath: Cochren.....

LATTERKENY.

M-rs Cha: Lynd .....
Sam: Henry .....
Ja: Wallace .....

DERRY.

M-rs Harvie, senr .....
Jo: Stirling .....
Will: Gray .....
Tho: Harvy .....Tho: Meek
Jo: Harvy .....Math: Lynd
Sam: Ross.....Jo: Areskin
Majr Murray .....
Ninian Cochren .....

BELFAST.

M-rs Al: Sinclar .....Wm Sinclar
Jo: Malcom .....Dan: Kinly
Alexr McCrackan.....Jo: McClure
And: Craford .....
Ja: Kirkpatrick ....Mr Arbuckle
Ja: Cobham .....Jo: Steel
Jo: Riddell .....
Rob: Sinclar.....Wm Brown
Ja: Stuart .....Dav: McKewn
Cha: Seton .....Will: Jameson
Rob: Wirling .....Jo: Campbell
Mich: Bruce..... .....Mr Arth: Kenedy
Rob: Craghead..... .....Jo: Sinclar
Sam: Harper .....Capt Moor
Patrick Bruce .....Arthr Maxwel
James Fraser .....Jo: McNeely
Mr Jo: Abernethy .....

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Correspondents fm Dublin—

Mr Richd Choppin
Mr Ja: Arbuckle
Mr Woods
Mr Syers

The former Moderator desiring that a New Moderator may be chosen nam'd the following Brethren, vizt—Masters James Maxwell, Umphry Thompson, Robert Craghead, Gilbert Keñedy, John Stirling, William Leech, Robert Higinbotham, Henry Crooks, Thomas Keñedy, that one of them may be chosen Moderator. Every of these Brethren being heard their reason why another should be chosen Moderator, and having giv'n their vote, were remov'd.

Moderator chosen.

The Roll being call'd, Mr Robert Craghead was, by majority of voices, chosen Moderator.

Clerk continu'd.

Next, And: Craford was continu'd Clerk. Mr Kirkpatrick and Mr Michael Bruce were allow'd to assist him. For the more orderly managing affairs that may be laid before this Synod, Agreed that there be four Comittees—One for Overtures, one for Bills, one for Revising Sub-Synod books, one for the Fund. The respective Presbytries are to return the names of their members of the several Comittees to our Clerk at next Sederunt.

Meet for pray^r.

All the Members of this Synod are to meet here at seven of the clock to morrow morning for pray^r, and continue till ten.

This Synod adjourn'd till ten to morrow morning.

This Session concluded with prayer.

Sess: 2^a.

Die Mercur: horâ decima Junii 17th.

After pray^r, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Met for pray^r.

The Synod having met for pray^r, according to appointment of last Sederunt, did afterwards enter upon business, and first of all read the rules for orderly proceeding, and the Moderator exhorted all the members to a due observation of them.

Rules read.

The several Presbytries having return'd the members of the several Comittees, they are as follows:—

THE COMITTEE OF OVERTURES.

Mr Henry Neil.
Mr Robert McBride.
Mr Umphry Thompson.
Mr Samuel Irwin.
Mr Victor Ferguson.
Mr James Bruce.
Mr Samuel Sheñan.
Mr Henry Crooks.
Mr John McClave.
Mr Will: Taylor, sen^r.
Mr Will: Leech.
Mr Charles Masterton.
Mr Thomas Shaw.
Mr Hugh Wallace.
Mr Robert Craghead.
Mr Alex^r Sinclar.
M^r Ja: Kirkpatrick.
Mr Michael Bruce.
Mr John Harvy, sen^r.
Mr John Stirling.
Mr William Hair.
Mr Gilbert Keñedy.
Mr James Fleming.
Mr James Johnston.
Mr James Arbuckle.
Mr Richard Choppin.
Mr John Abernethy.

ELDERS.

James Ballantyne.
Jo: Bog.
Con^ll Upton.
M^r Ja: Ball.
Hector Allen.
Mr Trail.
M^r Jo: Boyd.
Mr Areskin.
Arth: Maxwel, Esqr.

BILLS.

Mr Tho: Cobham.
Mr John Cochren.
Mr Jos: Cornwall.
Mr Alex^r Fleming.
Mr Rob: Colthart.
Mr Alex: McCrackan.
M^r Ja. McAlpine.
Mr Tho: Orr.
Mr Will: Biggar.
Mr Nath: Cochren.
Mr Will: Livingston.
Mr Thomas Wilson.
Mr John Henderson.
Mr Cha: Lynd.
Mr John Malcom.
Mr Rob: Sinclar.
M^r Ja: Cobham.
Mr Charles Seaton.
Mr Tho: Harvy.
Mr Sam: Ross.
Mr Robert Thompson.
Mr John Hutcheson.
M^r Ja: Moor.
M^r Jo: Campbell.
Mr William McKay.
Mr Hugh Henry.

BOOKS.

M Ja: Thompson.
Mr Tho: Macclane.
Mr Sam: Hemphill.
M^r Ja: Maxwell.
Mr Tho. Eldar.
Mr Arch: Dickson.
M^r Ja: Reid.
Mr Franc: Montgomery
Mr Tho: Milikin.
Mr Hugh Wallace.
Mr Sam: Getty.
M^r Ja: White.
Mr Jos: Clugston.
M^r Ja: Crichton.
Mr Sam: Harper.
M^r Ja: Fraser.
M^r Ja: Stuart.
M^r Jo: Riddell.
M^r Jo: Harvy.
Mr Ninian Cochren.
Mr Tho: Anderson.
Mr Alex^r Colvill.
Mr Geo: Lang.
Mr Rob: Gordon.
Mr Patrick Simson.

FUND.

Mr Rob: Higinbotham.
M^r Jo: Porter.
Mr Baptist Boyd.
Mr Nath. Glasgow.
Mr Tho: Wynsley.
Mr Neh: Doñaldson.
Mr Will: Smith.
Mr Thomas Nevin.
Mr Tho: Keñedy.
M^r Jo: Keñedy.
Mr Alex^r Brown.
Mr Will: Taylor, jun^r.
Mr Rob: Wirling.
Mr Patrick Bruce.
Mr Will: Gray.
Mr Major Murray.
Mr David Sim.
Mr Rob: Rainey.
M^r Jo: Wilson.

ELDERS.

Alex^r Chalmers.
Tho: Caldwell.
Jo: Gibson.
M^r Jo: McDowel.
Jo: Steel.
Franc: Scot.
Jo: Clark.
Jo: Brisban.
Math: Lynd.
Mr Arth: Keñedy.

ELDERS.

Rob: McCullogh.
Josias Dun.
Rob: Gordon.
Will: McMurran.
Will: Bryson.
Will: Weir.
Jo: Sinclar.

ELDERS.

John Dicky.
John Wyly.
Mr Gawin Steel.
Tho: Forsyth.
Jo: Copland.
David Blakeley.
Mr Meek.
M^r Ja: Arbuckle.

The other Elders not nam'd shall have liberty of attending the several Comittees of which their ministers are members, if they think fitt.

The several Comittees are to meet in the following places :—

Places where the Comittees are to meet.

The Comittee for Overtures to meet in the Vestry of the New Meeting House.

The Comittee for Bills to meet in the Vestry of the Old Meeting House.

The Comittee for Books to meet in the Old Meeting House.

The Comittee for the Fund to meet in the New Meeting House.

The Books of the several Sub-Synods were call'd for and deliver'd to the Comittee for Books, except the book of Ardmagh Synod, which is not engrosst, by reason of the long sickness of the Clerk of that Synod, who, for that reason, was excused, and appointed to have it engrosst and brought hither to be revis'd at next Synod.

Then the Synod proceeded to read the Minuts of last Synod, and enquir'd into the absents from last Synod.

Absent from last Synod exc^d.

Mr Henry Crooks was absent, is now excus'd for his reasons giv'n.

Absents from this Synod excus'd.

Absents from this Synod and excus'd—Mrs Archbald Macclane, Charles Wallace, Samuel Hallyday, Moses Cherrie, Isaac Taylor, John McGachine, Robt Rutherford, Mathew Clark, William Howston, John Maior, Patrick Plunket, Nath: Orr, David Thomb, Alexander Moor, Andrew Ferguson, Hans Stuart, Robt Campbell, Seth Drumond, Samuel Dunlop, John Holmes, M^r Ja: Cochren, Ja: Tate, Francis Laird, Francis Iredell, Mr Thomas Maquay.

Absents not excus'd.

Absents from this Synod not excus'd—Mrs Will: Homes, Jo: Ball, Sam^ll Dunlop, of Athlone, Will: Boyd, Robt Wilson, David Ferly.

Dead since last Synod.

Then the Synod enquir'd if any Minister belonging to this Synod be dead since last Synod.

Report was made, that Mr Thomas Stirling, a member of Colrane Presbytry dy'd on Novr 20, 1718. Mr James Stuart, of the same Presbytry, dy'd on March 22, 1718–19. Mr John Mairs, of Down Presbytry, dy'd on Decem^r 25, 1718. Mr John McBride, of Belfast Presbytry, dy'd on July 21, 1718.

Ministers gone to America.

Mr William Cornwall, of Augher Presbytry, and Mr Samuel Young, of Ardmagh Presbytry, remov'd to America last year.

Then the Synod enquir'd who are ordain'd, Licens'd, Entred on Trials, to be entred on Trials.

Ordain'd since last Synod.

Augher Presbytry ordain'd—

Mr Samuel Irwin, on October first day, 1718, at Kinaird.

Mr Samuel Hemphill, Decem^r 24, 1718, at Castle Blaney.

Mr Nath^ll Glasgow to go to America, Febr^y 3, 1718-19.

Derry Presbytry ordain'd—

Mr James Hillhouse to go to America, Octob: 15, 1718.

Mr Ninian Cochren, at Fawn, Febr^y 3, 1718-19, at Fawn.

LICENS'D SINCE LAST SYNOD :— Licens'd.

Ardmagh Presbytry licens'd—

Mr Archd Macclane, junr, and Mr Francis Hutcheson.

Straban Presbytry licens'd Mr Joseph Hemphill.

Antrim Presbytry licens'd Mr James Duchall and Mr John Shaw.

Augher Presbytry licens'd—

Mr James How, Mr William Brown, Mr John Carlile.

Letterkeñy Presbytry licens'd Mr Patrick Vance.

Belfast Presbytry licens'd Mr Mathew Ramsey, Mr John Hastie.

Colerain Presbytry receiv'd Mr Samuel Dorrence, who was licens'd in the Presbytry of Dumbarton in Scotland. His Testimonals were read and sustain'd by the Synod of Derry.

ENTRED UPON TRIALS SINCE LAST SYNOD :— Entred on Trials first or second.

Colerain entred Mr Robert Knox on second Trials.

Tyrone entred Mr James Dykes and Mr Robert Stuart on second Trials.

Derry entred Mr James Band and Mr Henry Cowdon on first Trials.

Down entred Mr Thomas Scot on first Trials.

TO ENTER ON TRIALS :— To enter on Trials.

Belfast to enter Mr William Smith on first Trials.

Mr John King, a Probationer from the Presbytry of St. Andrews, in Scotland, produc'd his Testimonials and Extract of his Licence to this Synod, which were read and sustain'd. The Synod recomended him to the care of any Presbytry to which he shall incline to subject himself.

Then, the Synod being led by the order of the Minuts of last Synod, did proceed to fix the time and place of next Synod. Some places being nam'd, it was carry'd by a vote that Belfast shall be the place, and the third Tuesday of June the time of the meeting of next Synod : sermon to be at five of the clock that afternoon. Time and place of next Synod.

The appointment of last Synod, with relation to Charity to Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, of Islemagee, that Mr Robert Sinclar should write to the Prēbry of Down, that it may be known whether that Presbytry has giv'n her Charity. That appointment not being observ'd, is now renew'd on Mr Sinclar. Charity to Mrs Wilson.

The Minut relating to Mr Archbald Macclane, Probationer from the Synod of Argyle, was read, and Mr Patrick Simson was appointed to enquire into this affair, and lay a true state of it before this Synod as soon as he can. Mr Maclane Probationer.

Pay public money.

Order'd, that every Presbytry deliver what publick money they have brought to Town, into the hands of the Collect^{rs} of the several Presbytries, who are appointed to distribute according to order of last Synod, and to give in their accounts to the Comittee of Funds.

Adjourn'd to five a clock *a merid:* The Comittees to meet at 3. This Sess: concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 3.

Die Mercur: Junii 17*th.*

Horâ 5^{a} *post merid:* After pray^{r}, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mr Kirkpatrick has not as yet deliver'd to our Clerk the Directory for Discipline. His reasons are to be giv'n to our Interloq^{r}. What is done in Interloq^{rs} is annext to those Minuts.

Coothill.

The Presbytry of Longford report that they have issu'd the matter comitted to them by last Synod relating to Coothill.

Castle Blaney.

Enquiry was made if the Minut relating to the Meeting House of CastleBlaney was observ'd, and it appear'd it was not fully observ'd. The appointment is renew'd that these Ministers who have not yet paid what they promist towards the building of that Meeting House, should now pay it to Mr Robert Rainey.

These on the Fund lay their accot^{s} before yt Comittee.

Upon a desire of the Comittee of Funds, the Synod recomended to all these Min^{rs} who are on the Fund to draw a distinct acco^{tt} of their arrears, upon what Presbytry it is, and for what year, and lay them before the Comittee of Funds to morrow morning.

The Prēsbry of Ardmagh is to make report with relation to the arrears due to Dundalk, Lurgan, & VeniCash to mor: morning.

Mr Wallace of Moywater.

Mr Wallace, of Moywater, reports that he receiv'd what was ordered to him by the Prēsbries of Down, Antrim, Ardmagh, & Belfast.

Addition to his subsistence.

It being now represented to the Synod that the last Synod agreed to renew that order upon those four Prēsbries toward Mr Wallace's subsistence, but that this, through neglect, was not inserted in the Minuts of last Synod, the Synod now renews that appointment and order that it be continu'd as a necessary part of Mr Wallace's subsistence.

Lisburn.

Mr James McAlpin preach'd in Lisburn according to the appointment of last Synod, and read publickly the conclusion of the Synod in their affair.

Mr Abernethy.

Usher's Key.

Antrim.

The Minut relating to the Transportation of Mr Abernethy to Usher's Key, and the act loosing his relation to the Synod, upon their having, by a former act, transported Mr Abernethy to Usher's Key, the Protestation of the Presbytry of Antrim, and the reasons afterward giv'n in to support that Protestation were read; and the Moderator enquir'd of Mr Abernethy if he had obey'd the act of the Synod. He answer'd that he acquiesc'd in that act loosing his relation from the North, and that it needed noe other Execution; but as to the other act transporting him to Usher's Key, he said that not being now a

member of the Synod, he thought they could not call him to an account; but, nevertheless, after the Synod had first consider'd the Protestation of the Brn of Antrim, he was ready to offer reasons for his conduct in yt affair, which he hop'd would satisfy the Synod.

Then a Comission from the Session of Usher's Key to the Reverd Mr James Arbuckle, Mr Norton, Mr Lord, and others, to appear and act in their name, and to desire the Synod to make their own act effectual, was read; and a letter from the Presbytry of Dublin, thanking this Synod for the regard they shew'd to them in their former Meeting, and desiring that, by what steps the Synod thought fitt, they would make their own Act effectual, was likewise read. Comission fm Usher's Key. A letter from Dublin Prebry.

From the Congregāon of Antrim appear'd Mr John Shaw, Dr Williamson, and many others, whose Comission was read and sustain'd; and they presented a Supplication to this Synod, setting forth their Right to call a Pastor, and their desire to have Mr Abernethy resettled amongst them. Comission fm Antrim.

The Comittees to meet at 7; and Synod at 10 in the morning. This Session concluded with prayr.

Die Jovis, Junii 18*th, horâ decima ante merid:* Sess: 4a.

After prayr, *Sederunt qui sup:*

The Synod resum'd the consideration of the affair of the Transportation of Mr Abernethy to Usher's Key, and the Comissioners from Usher's Key and Antrim being heard and remov'd, the members of the Synod spent a considerable time in endeavoring to satisfy Mr Abernethy's conscience concerning his duty to comply with the Act of the Synod in transporting him to Usher's Key, and appointed Mrs Alexr Sinclar, Richd Choppin, James Bruce, John Hutcheson, Michael Bruce, William Biggar, and James Kirkpatrick, to converse with him, and to give account of the Issue of their Conference. Minrs to converse wth Mr Abernethy.

The old Congregation of Belfast, by Mr. Samuel Smith, desir'd that they may be allow'd a Minister to assist them in managing their affair, which is to be brought into the Synod to morrow morning. Mr Nevin was allow'd to assist as is desir'd. A Minr appted to assist the old Congreg: of Belft.

The Comittees to meet at 4; Synod at 5 in the afternoon. This Sess: concluded with prayr.

Sess: 5a. *Die Jovis, Junii* 18, *horâ* 5a *post merid:* Sess: 5a.

After prayr, *Sederunt qui supra.*

A motion was made and agreed to, that some Ministers and Eldrs may be allow'd to hear a matter depending 'twixt Mr James McGrigor and the Congregation of Ahadowy, and report their opinion to this Synod. Accordingly, this Synod appointed the following Ministers and Elders, vizt—Mrs James Reid, Charles Masterton, William Smith, Thomas Eldar, Ministers; and Mr John McDowel, John Boyd, John Wyly, Eldrs; who are to hear and report their opinion of that affair. Mr McGregor. Ahadoway.

Preach to the Irish.

The affair of preaching to the Irish at the Loghside was referr'd by the last Synod to the Presbytries of Antrim and Belfast, is to be consider'd afterward in an Interloq^{r} of this Synod.

Glenavy.

The former Synod appointed the people of Glenavy Congregation to pay seventy pounds sterl^{g} to Mr John Riddell, which appointment has not been observ'd. The appointment is now renew'd. The Prēbyry of Belfast is order'd to use their Interest with that Congregation (being under their care) to pay the said money.

M^{r} McCrackan.

Mr Alex^{r} McCracken, of Lisburn, offering a paper, which, he said, contains Grievances, he was askt if the paper had been laid before the Comittee of Bills. He answer'd that it was not. Order'd, that it be laid before the Comittee of Bills.

Charity to a french Refugee.

James Le Pier, a french Refugee, supplicated for Charity. Order'd, that the Brethren now present do give to him what Charity they see fitt.

Charity to Mr Weir.

Mr Weir, formerly recomended for Charity, complain'd that he had not the benefit of the former recommendation. The Synod now renews that appointment, and recomends to every Minister within our bounds who have not obey'd the former appointment that they give to him a Sabbath day's Collection, with previous intimation, and that every Presbytry appoint a Collector of this money; and that every Minister transmit the day's Collection hereby recomended to said Collectors, in order to its being transmitted to the Presbytry of Augher, that Mr Weir be not put to the unnecessary trouble of travelling through Ulster; which order is to be observ'd with all convenient speed.

The Committee that convers'd with Mr Abernethy make report.

Then the Synod resum'd the consideration of Mr Abernethy's affair, and enquir'd at the Comittee appointed to converse with Mr Abernethy, to report the issue of that conference. Accordingly, Mr Alex^{r} Sinclar, in the name of the Comittee, made this report. That they had converst with Mr Abernethy, and argu'd the matter comitted to 'em with him, and that Mr Abernethy laid before them several reasons which weigh'd very much with him, and determin'd him with respect to his conduct in this affair. That, upon the whole, Mr Abernethy told the Comittee they had laid nothing before him, but what he had fully laid before him formerly, and yet had not prevail'd with him to alter his judgment; that it was not to be expected that reasons offer'd, and yet not fully argu'd in a short conference, could be so maturely consider'd, or weigh so much with a man, as when he has time to consider them, and seriously reflect upon them by himself; and after this report Mr Sinclar made this Overture—that this affair be referr'd till to morrow morning, in order to give Mr Abernethy the longer time to consider the reasons offer'd him by the Comittee: but Mr Abernethy being call'd upon, and not desiring any such delay, and further declaring that he was of the same judgment now that he was of before his conferring with the Comittee, the Synod agreed to proceed now in the consideration of that affair, and, accordingly, the Comiss^{rs} from Usher's Key and Antrim, who are parties in this affair, were heard, then Mr Abernethy was heard, and all parties remov'd; and it being mov'd that the Brethren who protested are parties in this

case, and ought to remove, and accordingly were call'd upon to answer for themselvs, and being fully heard, were remov'd untill the Synod should judge whether they be parties or not; and accordingly, after reasoning the Question was put—Whether the parties who protested in the Synod and subscrib'd the reasons of the Protestation considering their managment in this affair shall be excluded from voting in the cause in dependence with relation to Mr Abernethy, Usher's Key, and Antrim; and it was carry'd in the affirmative, that they shall be excluded. Against this vote Conll Upton entred his Protestation in his own name and name of all that will adhere to him, and Mr Alexander McCrackan, senr, and Mr Gawin Steel declar'd their adherence to his Protestation: the Ministers and Elders remov'd being call'd in, and this Sentence intimated to them, and they all protested against the said vote. Their names are Mr Will: Taylor, senr, Mr William Leech, Mr Alexr Brown, Mr Charles Mastertown, Mr William Livingston, Mr James Crichton, Mr Thomas Shaw, Mr Thomas Wilson, Mr John Henderson, Mr Will: Taylor, junr, Mr Samuel Getty, Mr James White, Mr Josias Clugston, Mr Tho: Cobham, Ministers; and John Thompson, John Allan, John Park, and Robert Sanderson, Elders, declar'd their adherence to Conll Upton's Protestation. Then the Brethren of the Presbytry being allow'd to speak their mind of the subject under consideration withdrew, and the Synod spent a considerable time reasoning upon this matter; but not having time to issue it, they adjourn'd till to morrow morning, at eight of the Clock, and this affair to be then resum'd.

Protesters & who subscrib'd the protestāon, considering their managmt, are excluded from voting in this cause.

Many protested agt said vote, chiefly the Prebry of Antrim.

This Session was concluded with prayr.

Die Veneris, Junii 19, *horâ octava ante merid:* Sess: 6a.

After prayr, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mr Wensley got leave to go home, being much indispos'd. The affair of Mr Abernethy and Usher's Key, being resum'd, this matter being at great length debated, and the Synod seeming pretty well agreed in their judgment, appointed Mr John Hutcheson, Mr Richard Choppin, Mr James Cobham, Mr Thomas Nevin, Mr James Kirkpatrick, and Mr Michael Bruce, to go out and frame resolutions upon what the said Synod have been conferring, that this affair may be brought to an issue.

Ministers to draw up resoluōns that this affair may be issu'd.

The Comittee for revising books made report that they have revis'd Belfast Synod book, and approve the book. The book is markt and approbation inserted, which the Moderator subscrib'd. Also Derry book was revis'd. Made some remarks which were read by the Revisrs, which are to be mended. The approbation of the book was inserted in the book.

Belfast Synod book approv'd. Derry book revis'd.

A Petition from CastleBlaney, intreating that these who have not contributed to the building of their Meeting House may be prevail'd with now to do it, that the Synod's charity may be made effectual for their relief—This Synod recomends this to such who have

Castle Blaney. Contribute to that Meeting House.

not yet contributed to that good work, and for this end the Synod appointed Mr Robert Rainey and Mr Thomas Macclane to use their Interest with Ministers and Gentlemen upon that account.

The Prebry of Rout's Complaint of Mr Orr & Session of Clogh.

A Supplication from the Presbytry of Rout, complaining that all their endeavrs to make the public Fund effectual prove unsuccessful, and that Mr Patrick Orr and the Session of Clogh cast several unchristian reflexions upon that Presbytry and General Synod upon that affair. This affair is comitted to the Comittee of Overtures to bring in an Overture upon it.

A Petition from some of Kinaird Congregaõn to be joyn'd to Benburb.

Appear'd from Kinaird, Thomas Hodge and Edward Wilson, complaining that they and some of their neighbors cannot attend ordinances at Kinaird, and therefore desire to be adjoin'd to Benburb. This affair being consider'd, was referr'd to the Presbytry of Augher, with Correspondts, vizt—from Tyrone, Mr Moor, Mr Cochran; from Ardmagh, Mr Hutcheson and Mr Johnston; each Correspondent having an Elder. That Presbytry is to meet at Kinaird on the Munday at four of the clock in the afternoon, before Ardmagh Synod meet. In the mean time, the Synod appointed the Minister of Kinaird or Minister of Benburb to dispense ordinances to that people, as occasion shall require.

Maherawly.

Appear'd from Maherawly, Robert Campbell and other Comissrs, prosecuting an appeal from a Sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh in these words—They appeal'd from the Sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh, which they believe is greatly injurious to them, and beg redress from this Synod. Their reasons were read.

A Comittee to determine that affair.

The affair being consider'd, this Synod appointed a select Comittee finally to determine that matter. The members are Mr William Smith, Mr Hugh Ramsey, Mr Thomas Nevin, Mr Samuel Harper, Mr Charles Seton, Mr Patrick Bruce, Mr Livingston, Mr Brown, Mr Thomas Wilson, Mr Milikin, Mr Jo: Keñedy, Mr Hugh Wallace, Mr Irwin, Mr Plunket, Mr Hemphill, Ministers; each Minister to take his Elder; thirteen to be the Quorum, nine whereof are to be Ministers; to meet on the first Tuesday of July in Logh-Brickland.

All parties concern'd are to attend that Comittee.

The Comittee appointed to draw up resolutions upon the affair of Mr Abernethy, Usher's Key, and Antrim, reported that they had come to several resolutions upon that affair, which were twice read, and noe objection made unto them, the Question was put in these terms—Doth this Synod approve of these resolutions so as to make them our Conclusion and judgment in this affair or not? and it carry'd by a great majority, approve. The resolutions are as follows :—

Preamble of the Resolutions of the Synod, concerning Mr Abernethy, Usher's Key, and Antrim.

This Synod having seriously consider'd the papers laid before them by the parties, and the several pleas and demands made *vivâ voce*, and particularly the plea made by Mr Abernethy, that it is against his conscience to comply with the Sentence of last Synod (wherein we cannot but believe he has spoken in the Integrity and Simplicity of his heart); and the demand of Usher's Key to render that Sentence effectual; and the demand of our Revrd Brother, Mr Choppin, on behalf of the Presbytry of Dublin, setting forth that that Revrd Pres-

bytry believe they receiv'd a Right to Mr Abernethy by the Act of the last Synod, which gave him as a very valuable and acceptable gift to them, to be a member of theirs, and that it is not equitable to revoke that Gift without their consent, they not being subject to this Synod; and the Synod further considering that the rehearing of the merits of this cause is not propos'd by any of the parties, and that the peace of the Church, and the preservation of the comely order which ought to be maintain'd, as necessary to the very being and true ends of this Synod, are deeply concern'd in the issue of this difficult matter, have come to the following Resolutions :—

Resolutions. 1. Resolution 1.—That the merits of this Cause, not being laid before, nor reheard by us, it is wholly improper for this Synod either to repeal or to confirm the Sentence of the last Synod, but to let it stand in full force it had by vertue of the authority of the Synod who past it, and the reasons that induc'd them to it, and expresst in their letter to the Presbytry of Dublin.

2. Resolutn 2.—That it is not inconsistent with the said Sentence of last Synod, and in the present case we judge it expedient and reasonable, that in case Mr Abernethy shall continue to believe that it is against his conscience to comply with the Sentence of last Synod, he should apply to the Presbytry of Dublin, who demand him as their membr, and argue his cause before them, who will have such a regard to the Rights of Conscience, and be so far from encroaching upon them, that we make noe doubt of their consenting to all that can be reasonably demanded by him. And in order to Mr Abernethy's laying himself open to conviction, and having an opportunity of his judgment and Conscience to be well inform'd, it is our opinion that he ought to go to Dublin in a moneth or six weeks, and supply the Congregation of Usher's Key at least for eight moneths (which time we judge necessary, not only for his farther impartial consideration of the matter, but to prevent, if possible, the great mischief which that Congregation apprehend will follow in case he should not after all get light to settle in it); and that if, after his stay there for eight moneths, and use of all means in his power to get light in this matter, he shall declare it as his deliberate judgment for him to settle in Usher's Key would be in him a sin against God, and that upon such a plea the Presbytry of Dublin do judge it reasonable to quit their Interest in and relation to him, that in that case it shall be lawfull for any Presbytry in the North to concur in an orderly way to his being settled in any Congregãon within our bounds, to which he shall be regularly call'd. But in the mean time we obtest and earnestly exhort Mr Abernethy, out of a regard to the peace and public order of the Church, and to the great and valueable ends propos'd by the last Synod in their Act of Transportation, to comply with the said Act; the reasons of which appear to us to be sufficiently strong to determine it to be his duty, thô they have not as yet appear'd so to him.

3. Resolutn 3.—That it is utterly inconsistent with the Sentence of last Synod, yet in force, and what we discharge and forbid as a dangerous breach of all good order, for the Presbytry of Antrim or any other Presbytry of this Synod to concur in a Call to Mr Abernethy, or take

any step toward his settlement within our bounds, untill the method prescrib'd in the preceeding resolution be follow'd, and thereupon the Presbytry of Dublin quit their relation to and Interest in Mr Abernethy, by an Extract of some Record under their hand, produc'd to the Presbytry so concurring in any Call to him, or taking any such step toward his settlement within our bounds.

4. Resolutn 4.—That in pursuance of these Resolutions, a Brotherly letter be writ to the Presbytry of Dublin, earnestly recomending our worthy Brother Abernethy to their affectionate Esteem, and that they would deal tenderly with him under his present difficulties.

Parties were call'd in.

Upon this, the parties being call'd in, the judgment and conclusion of this Synod was intimated to them. Mr Abernethy, after reading the resolutions and conclusions of the Synod, said he thought he had just reason to complain of the treatment he met with from several members of this Synod in their reasonings upon his conduct; and as to the resolutions which he had heard read as the conclusion of this Synod, he thought they were injurious to him, as to his conduct in this affair. He would seriously consider it, and act according to the best of of his judgment; but desir'd that this might not be interpreted as an acquiescence in the Synod's conclusion.

Mr Abernethy complains.

Mr Henderson in name of Antrim Prcbry, protested.

Then Mr John Henderson, in his own name and the name of the rest of the Ministers of the Presbytry of Antrim, did protest against this Conclusion of the Synod, thô at the same time they express their regard, and their resolution still to have a great regard for the peace of this Church.

Adjourn'd till 5 *a merid:* The Comittees to meet at 4.

This Session Concluded with prayr.

Sess: 7a.

Sess: 7a Die Veneris, Jun: 19th, *horâ* 5a *post merid:*

After prayr. *Sederunt qui supra.*

Aghadowy.

The Comittee appointed in the affair of Aghadowy made report of their diligence in this affair, but the resolutions they had come to being excepted against by the Comissrs of Aghadowy, the Comittee agreed to send a Comittee of Ministers and Elders of neighbouring Presbytries to examine and give judgment in this affair, but referr'd the naming the members of this Comittee till another time.

Old Congregation of Belfast. Comission. Papers read.

The Comittee of Bills having laid before this Synod an Appeal of the old Congregation of Belfast from the Sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh, refusing the Transportation of Mr James Fleming from the Congregation of Lurgan to the old Congregation of Belfast.

Lurgan Comission papers read.

From Lurgan appear'd Mr Miles Reily, Mr John McCall, and many others; and from the old Congregation of Belfast appear'd Mr Isaac McCartney, Mr Samuel Smith, and many others whose Comissions were read and sustain'd. Then the papers relating to the merits of the cause were read in the following order:—

The Sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh; the Appeal of the old Congregation of Belfast, and the reasons of it; the Call of the old

Congregation of Belfast to Mr James Fleming; the Reasons of the old Congregation of Belfast for his Transportation; the Answers of the Congregation of Lurgan to the aforesaid reasons; the Minuts of the Presbytry of Ardmagh relating to this affair; the Supplication of the old Congregation of Belfast to this Synod desiring the said transportation; the Supplication of the Session and Congregation of Lurgan to this Synod desiring that their Minister should be continu'd with them; the reasons of the Appeal of the old Congregation of Belfast from the Sentence of the Presbytry of Ardmagh, and the said Presbytry's answers to them; and then the reasons for the Transportation and the answers to them were read alternately, and the several parties being heard on each Paragraph of them: and in the progress of the debate the Comiss^rs from Lurgan produc'd a letter from William Brownlow, Esqr, directed to the Moderator, which being read, contains an earnest desire that the Synod would continue Mr Fleming in Lurgan, as being more agreeable to all sorts of people there and particularly to himself than any other in all probability would be. At the desire of the Moderator, Mr Alex^r Sinclar pray'd for light and direction in this affair, and then all parties being remov'd, several members were call'd to speak their mind, and after some reasoning upon this head we came to this vote—Was there sufficient ground of appeal or not? It carry'd in the negative by a great majority; and then we put this vote—Transport or not? It carry'd likewise in the negative by a great majority, after which the parties were call'd in, and the Moderator spake to them suitable to their different circumstances.

Mr James Fleming.

A letter from Mr Bromlow, in favour of Lurgan.

Mr Fleming continu'd in Lurgan.

Order'd, that Mr Hutcheson and Mr Gilbert Keñedy be appointed to prepare a draught of a letter to Mr Bromlow, of Lurgan, thanking him for his kindness to our Brother Fleming, and expressing our regard to him and his letter.

Write to Mr Bromlow.

The Presbytry of Antrim mov'd for an Extract of the Minuts relating to Mr Abernethy, which was order'd to be granted so soon as the Clerk can do it.

Adjourn'd till 8 of the clock to morrow morning.

This Session concluded with pray^r.

Die Saturni, Junii 20th, horâ octava ante merid: Sess: 8va.

Post preces Sederunt.

The Comittee of Overtures laid before this Synod an Overture for appointing a Comission of this Church. The Overture was read and seriously consider'd, and then the Question was put—Approve the said Overture or not? The Synod resolving, if it shall carry, approve—then to consider the proper regulations of this Comission; and upon the Question it was voted approve *nem: contradic:*

Comission of the Church.

The names of the members of this Comission are:—From Belfast—Mrs Robert Craghead, James Kirkpatrick, Michael Bruce, Ministers; Mr John Sinclar, John Johnston, Elders. From Straband—Mrs James Maxwell, John Ball, Nehemiah Doñaldson, Min^rs; Thomas Edwards,

Esqr, John Wilson, Elders. From Derry—Masters William Gray, Jo^{n} Harvy, Junr, Samuel Ross, Ministers; Mr John Harvy, John Lindsay, Elders. From Colerain—Masters Robert Haltridg, Robert Higinbotham, John Porter, Ministers; Mrs James Ball, Gawin Steel, Elders. Tyrone—Mrs David Thomb, Thomas Milikin, Alex^{r} Moor, Ministers; Mr John Boyd, Willm Agnew, Elders. From Ardmagh—Masters John Hutcheson, Gilbert Keñedy, James Fleming, Ministers; Mr James Johnston, Capt McNeil, Elders. From Latterkeñy—Mrs Samuel Dunlop, Francis Laird, David Ferly, Min^{rs}; Capt John Henderson, Robert Ferly, Elders. Augher—Mrs Baptist Boyd, Umphry Thompson, Samuel Hemphill, Min^{rs}; Capt Robert Wilson, Thomas Johnston, Elders. From Down—Mrs James Maccalpin, Archbald Dickson, Hugh Ramsay, Min^{rs}; Mr Hugh Wallace, John Byers, Elders. Longford—Mrs James Tate, David Sim, Willm Hair, Min^{rs}; Capt Francis Wilson, John Ferys, Elders. From Antrim—Mrs William Leech, Cha: Masterton, Thomas Shaw, Min^{rs}; Mr John McDowel, Mr John Shaw, Elders.

Mrs Cornwall.

A Supplication from Mrs Cornwall was read, and referr'd to the Comittee of Overtures to bring in an Overture upon it.

Antrim Prebry desir'd a conference.

The Presbytry of Antrim desir'd a Conference with the Synod, which was granted, and the conference held with them for some time; but many members of the Synod going away, the conference could not any longer be for Edification or obtain the end of the Conference, but the Presbytry of Antrim are allow'd to resume it, if they think fitt, next week.

Mr Sheñan obtained leave to go home about his civil affairs.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till Munday, at 4 in the afternoon, Junii 22^{d}; the Comittees to meet at 2.

This Session concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 9a.

Die lunæ, horâ 4ª Junii 22^{d} post merid:

After pray^{r}, *Sederunt.*

Members appt^{ed} to prepare a draught of an act relating to the Comission.

There being several things concluded with respect to the finishing of the act of the Comission of this Church, the following Brethren, vizt—Masters Alex^{r} Colvill, William Biggar, Thomas Keñedy, James Kirkpatrick, were appointed to prepare a draught of an act upon these heads, and lay it before our next Sederunt.

Mr Sturgeon.

It being represented that Mr Robert Sturgeon, since his Licence was taken from him, and since this Synod advis'd him (upon a Motion of the Presbytry of Antrim) to think of some other Employment, hath study'd Divinity with good success in the University of Glasgow, and Certificats and diverse letters to that purpose being produc'd from the Principal and Professor of Divinity there, and several other worthy Ministers of the City of Glasgow, the Synod, having maturely consider'd this matter, put the following Question—Whether his Case shall be referr'd to the Presbytry of Rout, or to the Presbytry of Antrim, with power to them to restore his Licence; or shall it be

comitted to a Comittee to be now nam'd, to examine him and to report their opinion to this Synod, that they may judge of it before they rise. And it was carry'd, to comitt it to a Comittee; which was appointed accordingly, and is to consist of the following members:—Mrs Alexr Brown, Mr Higinbotham, Mr Crooks, and Mr Colvill; who are to meet to morrow morning at seven of the Clock, examine him, and report their opinion so soon as possible to the Interloqr, who are to report to the Synod.

A Comittee to examine him and report.

The Comittee of Overtures having laid before this Synod an Overture with respect to the supplying of the Highlanders and Irish in Dublin and thereabouts, with preaching in their own language, it was consider'd, and, with some amendments, was agreed to, and is as follows:—

This General Synod, having receiv'd a Supplication from the Highlanders and others in Dublin, recomended by the Presbytry of Dublin, together with a Comission from the said Highlanders to Mr McNeil, and others he shall think fitt to advise with to prosecute the said petition, and having an account of fifty pounds ℔ annm bequeath'd by Dr Williams for the Encouragment of an Irish Preacher, and fifty pound sent by Mr Reynolds and Mr Evans, Ministers in London, which fifty pound is now in Dublin, besides considerable sums expected for the same use, as is reported by Conll Upton, do approve of the said Supplication, and are well pleas'd with the design of it, and of the occasion they have thereby to shew their Zeal and readiness to promote so good a work; and do bless and adore the good hand of Providence that has made such provision for it, which, we think, dos oblige us, and others that are able, to endeavour all we can to make these pious and charitable designs effectual, are come to the following resolutions.

A Petition setting forth the necessity of preaching in Irish to the Highlandrs, and others in Dublin, and others thereabout.

1. To appoint Mr Higinbotham, Mr Dunlop, and Mr Simson to repair to Dublin, and each of them in their turn to spend three moneths in preaching in Irish to the said Highlanders and others that shall joyn with them, and where they shall be directed by the following Society.

Resolutions thereupon.

2. To appoint Mr Iredell, Mr Sinclare, Mr Craghead, and Mr Maquay, and an Elder out of each of their Congregaons, to meet with other dissenting Ministers in Dublin, and other Gentlemen that are willing to engage in this work, in a Society, to prepare a place and make what other provision is necessary to begin the said preaching in Irish the first Lord's day in August, and to give what further assistance the case may require.

3. We advise the said Society to keep Correspondence with and acquaint the General Comittee with what is done, and they think further necessary to be done, in that work, and do appoint the said Comittee to concur with the said Society, and give all the assistance they can to promote the said work.

4. That the two Irish Societies appointed by the Synod 1716 be reviv'd, and as many of them as are now present do meet togethr, and propose what further Overtures they shall think fitt to prepare others to preach in the Irish Tongue.

5. That care be taken that the Irish Catechisms now reprinted, and in Mr Simson's hands, be distributed among the several Presbytries, and that Mr Simson be satisfy'd for his trouble and Charges.

6. That Mr Higinbotham's Congregation be supply'd in his absence by the Presbytries of Rout and Antrim; Mr Dunlop's Congregāon to be supply'd by the Presbytries of Straban, Derry and Latterkenny; Mr Simson's Congregāon to be supply'd by the Presbytries of Down, Ardmagh, and Belfast. The Ministers go upon the supply in the following order, vizt.—Mr Simson, Mr Dunlop, and Mr Higinbotham, each to go upon a Call from the above mention'd Society in Dublin.

7. That the defraying of the Expences of printing of the Irish Catechism be referr'd to the Comittee to meet at Dublin, and that the Society erected for improving themselvs in the Irish Tongue shall, upon the representation of the several Presbytries, distribute the said Catechisms in such proportions as they shall judg most for Edification. The Presbytries are to supply Mr Simson's Congregation in the following order—the Presbytry of Belfast to supply the first four weeks; Down the second four weeks; and Ardmagh the remaining weeks. Antrim Presbytry are to supply the first six weeks; and Rout the remaining weeks during Mr Higinbottam's absence. Straban Presbytry are to supply the first four weeks; Derry the second four weeks; Latterkenny the remaining weeks during Mr Dunlop's absence.

The Prēsbrys to supply Mr Simson, Mr Dunlop, Mr Higinbotham, while they are preaching to the Irish.

The Comittee appointed to converse with and examine Mr Robert Sturgeon, made report that he had made considerable progress in the Study of Divinity, since he went to study under the care of Professor Simson in Glasgow, and that it was their opinion that his Licence should be restor'd to him. The Interloqr considering this report, and the Testimonials he brought from Glasgow, agreed that his licence be restor'd, and that he be allow'd to preach in our bounds as a Probationer; and that, in order to that he may subject himself to any Presbytry he pleases within our bounds. This Synod approv'd of the opinion of the Interloquitur, and accordingly restor'd Mr Sturgeon's licence to him.

Mr Sturgeon's licence restor'd to him.

Account of Deficiencies to the publick Money, to be deducted out of additional R: D:, to pay Mr Upton.

[The Comittee appointed to applott the One Hundred and Ninety pounds of public Expences on the several Presbytries, and to consider the deficiencies of each Presbytry, and to order deductions out of the additional Reg: Donum according to their deficiency, that orders may be giv'n to Mr Brice Blair to answer Mr Upton's Bill, and to pay to the several Presbytries according to these proportional deductions, laid their accounts before us, which were read and agreed to, and are as follows:—

The Division of the additional Reg: Donum is to be made according to the same rule of former R: D:, and this Charge on the several Prēsbries is to be giv'n to our Treasurer as what appears from examining the several accounts and what the Synod approv'd of.

Deduct ten shillings out of the full four hundred thirty-four pounds.

The Widows to have noe share.

Belfast, 30:1:1½; Longford, 9:-:-; Latterkeñy, 6:10:-; Down, 12:6:6½; Augher, 7:10:-; Antrim, 15:10:-; Tyrone, 17:10:-; Rout, 11:-:-; Ardmagh, 13:14:2½; Derry, 25:-:-; Straban, 6:-:-.

This Account was unanimously approv'd by the Synod, and order'd the Clerk to give an order to Mr Brice Blair accordingly. This question being propos'd—Whether this additional R: D: shall be applotted in the same mañer that the old R: D: was, this was unanimously agreed to, that is—that it should be distributed according to the time of the Minister's Settlement.]

What is inclos'd should be in the Interloqr.

A Supplication from Mr Alexander McCrackan, desiring to be heard, with his Evidences, in an affair debated betwixt him and Daniel Kinly, was read; and, after Mr McCracken had spoken something to that affair, and the Minuts of last Synod relating to that affair being read, and Daniel Kinly likewise heard, it was mov'd and agreed to that the Parties withdraw; and accordingly, at the Moderator's desire, they withdrew. The parties being withdrawn, the Synod, after reasoning, came to these Resolutions:—1. That the Synod will not recognize that affair which, by amicable overtures, was issued at last Synod, so as to hear any witnesses of either side upon the merits of that cause. 2. That yet, in order to give all reasonable satisfaction to Mr McCracken, a Comittee be appointed to endeavor to remove any misunderstanding betwixt the parties, to report their diligence to us, and bring in Overtures for that end; and it being mov'd that the Comittee which had this affair under their consideration last Synod, being acquainted with this affair, is on that account the most proper that can be appointed, they were accordingly appointed; and Mr Ballentyne and Mr John Sinclar and Capt McNeil were appointed members of that Comittee, in place of some Elders belonging to that Comittee last year, who are now absent, and Mr Alexr Sinclar in room of Mr Iredell. The Comittee to meet to morrow morning, at Seven a clock, in the old Meeting House.

Mr McCracken.

Daniel Kinly.

A Comittee appointed about that affair.

Order'd, that the Comittee of Funds make their report to morrow morning, and that this Synod then proceed to the settling of the publick Fund, and that noe other business shall intervene.

An Appeal of some members of the Congregation of Maghera, from a sentence of the Presbytry of Tyrone, to this Synod, being orderly laid before us by the Comittee of Bills, the Synod receiv'd and read the papers of the parties in the following order, vizt—The Comission and Supplication of the Appellants; the Comission and Supplication of the Congregation of Mahera; the Sentence of the Presbytry of Tyrone, continuing Mr James Dykes a Probationer on Trials in order to Ordination upon a Call from the Congregation of Mahera; the appellants' reasons for their appeal; answers to the said reasons by the Session and Congregation of Mahera. Then all parties were heard, and the Presbytry gave verbal answers to the appellants' reasons, & produc'd a Copy of their Minuts relating to this affair, but had not their original records in town. All parties being remov'd, the Synod spent some time in hearing several members speak upon the affair, and the Presbytry of Tyrone being call'd in to speak more freely about it, and

Mahera.

afterward having withdrawn, the Synod, upon mature consideration, put the following Question—Whether it appear'd to us that there was sufficient cause of appeal from the sentence of the Presbytry of Tyrone, or not? and it was carry'd in the Negative; and the Synod put a Second Question, viz:—Whether shall this Synod advise the Presbytry of Tyrone to proceed in taking the Trials of Mr Dykes in order to his Ordination at Mahera, or not? and it was carry'd in the affirmative, that they be advis'd to proceed. The parties being call'd in, the sentence of the Synod was intimated to them.

The Synod advis'd the Prēb: of Tyrone, to proceed in taking the Trials of Mr Ja: Dykes, in order to his ordination at Maghera.

Adjourn'd till ten of the Clock to morrow morning: the Comittees to meet at 8. This Session concluded wth pray^r.

Sess: 10.

Sess: Decima. Die Martis, Junii 23, *horâ decima ante merid:*

After pray^r, *Sederunt.*

The Synod, according to order, call'd the Comittee of Funds to lay before us an account of the matters comitted to them, and they having accordingly made report, the Synod, in order to put the Fund on the best foot they can, and to prevent the sinking of these Congregāons which are settled upon the fund, resolv'd to consider the report of the Comittee in this method:—

Method propos'd for right managmt of the publick Fund, to prevent Congregations upon the Fund from sinking.

1. To enquire into and state a definit account of the arrears due by every Presbytry.

2. To think of the most effectual methods to get these arrears paid up.

3. To fix the Quota for this year.

4. To consider what will be the most Equitable Key to applot the fund on the several Presbytries and Congregations by.

In pursuance of this, the arrears due by the Presbytry of Belfast were enquir'd into, and it appear'd to us that Presbytry ow'd to Dundalk for the present year eight pound, for the preceeding year three pound, and for the year before that ten shillings—in all Eleven pound ten shillings; to Mr Hugh Henry of Droheda ninety five pound, including this present year. The Presbytry offer'd several things as reasons of their being under such arrears, and among the rest, that their proportion of the fund is much greater than it ought to be, so that in that Presbytry weak Congregations pay much more than much stronger Congregāons in other Presbytries, and particularly the neighboring Presbytries, pay. Another reason they represented was, that the two Congregāons in Dublin which belong to that Presbytry, and yet contribute nothing toward this Fund. Upon this it was mov'd that this Synod recomend to these Congregations to contribute toward the fund, and upon a vote it was agreed to recomend. Mr Kirkpatrick was appointed to write to these two Congregāons and the Presbytry of Dublin upon this subject; the letter to be laid before us to morrow morning.

Arrears on Belfast Prēbry, who gave reasons; a letter to be writ to Plunket Street & Capel Street, to contribute to that Prēb:

The Arrears due by the Presbytry of Derry were next enquir'd into, and the Comittee of Funds reported that they could not for these

several years get a distinct account of these arrears, but only in general they know that they are in a very great arrear. They owe to Droheda twelve pound thirteen shillings; to Badoni fourteen pound five shillings; to Inniskilling six pound; to Slego four pound ten shill:; to Moywater three pound ten shillings. The Presbytry answers that one great reason of their deficiency is that several of their Congregations are so weak as that they are not able to contribute any thing, and further that some of the Congregāons which belong'd to that Presbytry, when a great deal of the arrears became due, have since been disañext, and were under arrears when they were disañext, and yet they have not had opportunity of calling them to an account by reason of their not being subject to them.

Arrears on Derry Prebry, who gave the reasons thereof.

The arrears of Down Presbytry are—to Galway twenty-six pound three shill: and one peñy, without reckoning the year ending at this Synod; due to Edenderry three pound five shill: in all; due to Droheda (as Mr Henry reports) Eleven pound nine shill: and ten pence.

Arrears on Down Prebry, who gave the reasons thereof.

A Complaint being made of an arrear due by that Presbytry to Mr Plunket, for Gallway, and another arrear due to the Presbytry of Antrim, the Presbytry of Down answers that they have put these old arrears in a method so that they will be got up, but it will take some time; and as for their arrears of late date, they complain they can't prevail with some Ministers and some Congregations to pay their just proportion.

The Presbytry of Antrim are in arrears to Dundalk thirty-five pound ten shill:, including this year; to Edenderry three pound; to Lurgan two pound. That Presbytry reports that there are some deficiencies in some of their Congregations these few years last past.

Arrear on Antrim Prebry.

The Presbytry of Ardmagh is in arrear to Lurgan, including this year, thirty-one pound nineteen shill: and Eleven pence; to Droheda Six pound seven shill: and four pence; to Dundalk Eighteen pound Eleven shill: and two pence; to Edenderry Seventeen pound Eight shill:; to VeniCash fifteen pound and twopence. The Synod being on the Enquiry into the arrears of this Presbytry, Order'd that the Minut of last Synod, and order upon that Presbytry, with respect to Dundalk, Lurgan, and VeniCash, to be read; which was accordingly read. The Presbytry was askt how they observ'd it. They answer'd that they did meet about it, but could not find where the arrears lay, and by reason of the weakness of some of their Congregāons they are not able to pay up their arrears.

Arrear on Ardmagh Prebry, who gave the reasons thereof.

The Prēbytries of Longford and Augher due to Belturbet six pound ten shill: and Eight pence; by the Presbytry of Longford to Belturbet this year five pound sixteen shillS. Augher due to Castle Blaney for this year five pound five shillings.

Arrear due by Longford & Augher.

The Presbytry of Tyrone due to Golan all that was ever applotted on them, except one pound six shill: paid by Mr Baptist Boyd; due to Castle Blaney for this Current year three pounds ten shill:; to LoghGall seven pound; to Glendivadock two pūd.

Arrear due by Tyrone Presbry.

Then the Synod adjourn'd till 5 a merid:, and order that the business they are now upon be resum'd, and noe other business inter-

vene. The Comittees, and particularly that about Lisburn affair, are order'd to meet at 3. Interloq^r at 4.

It being mov'd by the Presbytry of Antrim that the Synod appoint a time to resume the Conference with that Presbytry, according to a former Minut, Order'd, that this Synod will resume that Conference whenever this business of the Fund is over, and enjoyns the memb^rs of this Synod to attend, and none go away without leave askt and giv'n. This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 11^a.

Die Martis, horâ 5 *a merid:, Junii* 23, 1719.

After pray^r, *Sederunt.*

Rout Prēbry in arrear, their reasons.

Rout Prēsbry report that in general they are in considerable arrears, but by reason of the death of one of their Collect^rs, and likewise by reason of the absence of some Ministers who are upon the fund of that Presbytry, a distinct account of their arrears cannot be giv'n; but give this as a reason of their arrears, that thô much pains is taken by the Presbytry, some congregations cannot be brought up to pay any thing toward it.

Straban care comended.

Straban Presbytry report all they owe of the fund is six pounds ten shill^s, which they will soon pay up. Their exemplary care and diligence is comended by the Synod.

Latterkenny Presbytry, since they were erected, owe only this current year, which they promise to pay very soon.

The Synod, having enquir'd into the state of the arrears, they came in the next place to discourse of the best Method that can be propos'd for getting these arrears paid, and came to the following Resolutions:—

Resolutions in order to get the said arrears paid.

1. That where Congregations are deficient the Presbytry shall appoint Comittees to go to them, and stir them up to diligence, as they use to do in the case of arrears of Ministers' Stipend.

2. That a pressing letter from this Synod be writ to each Presbytry, representing the evil consequences of such deficiencies; that the said letter be engrosst in our Minuts; and that each Minister shall take a Copy of it from the Clerk's hand of his Presbytry, and read it to his people, and improve it for the true ends of it.

3. That each Presbytry shall read all the Minuts of this Synod, and particularly what relates to the Fund, at their first Sederunt after the said Minuts shall be transmitted to them.

4. That Each Presbytry shall keep a bound book, in which they shall insert a clear account of all their arrears of the Fund, and of their diligence about it, in which they shall insert all future applottments of the Synod upon them, and all their accounts and payments relating to them; and that they shall intermix noe other business with the Minuts relating to the Fund; which book is order'd to be revis'd by each particular Synod, and is ordered also to be brought to each General Synod and laid before a Comittee of Funds.

5. That in our letter to the Presbytry of Dublin there be a clause earnestly desiring that in regard of the sinking condition of many of

our Congregations settled upon the fund, and the bad state of the said fund, they would be pleas'd to give a day's Collection in their several Congregāons with previous advertisement, or by any other way they shall think fitt, grant relief, and apply it to such of those Congregāons as they shall think proper.

Then the Synod proceeded to fix the Quota of the fund, payable in June, 1720, and appropriate the same to the Several Congregāons, the particulars whereof are as follows :—

To the Congregation of Droheda ..	£35 : 0 : 0	To Lurgan ..	£15 : 0 : 0
To Dundalk ..	£30 : 0 : 0	To Badoni ..	£7 : 10 : 0
To Edenderry ..	£15 : 0 : 0	To Golan ..	£4 : 0 : 0
To Galway ..	£20 : 0 : 0	To Glenarm ..	£3 : 0 : 0
To Belturbet ..	£20 : 0 : 0	To Clandevadock ..	£5 : 10 : 0
To Castle Blaney ..	£11 : 0 : 0	To LoghGall ..	£12 : 0 : 0
To Athlone ..	£10 : 0 : 0	To Stranorlan ..	£6 : 0 : 0
To Moywater ..	£15 : 0 : 0	To Dumfanohy ..	£7 : 10 : 0
To VeniCash ..	£9 : 0 : 0	To Dunean ..	£5 : 0 : 0
To Slego ..	£15 : 0 : 0	To Kirkdoñell ..	£4 : 0 : 0
		To Moyra ..	£5 : 0 : 0

The Presbytry of Ardmah is enjoyn'd to use means to bring up the Congregāon of Lurgan to pay five pound yearly more than their former stipend.

Order'd, that the Presbytry of Antrim use diligence with the people of Glenarm to support their Minister without any dependence on the fund, and report their diligence to next Synod.

Order'd, that the Presbytry of Down take care upon application from the people of Kirkdoñald, to joyn to that Congregation, from the numerous adjacent Congregāons, such members as may enable them to maintain their Min^r without depending on the Fund, their diligence to be reported to next Synod; and the Synod of Belfast are to take care that this act be put in execution.

The Comittee appointed in the affair of Lisburn, reported that they had drawn up some Overtures as terms of accomodation of that affair, which were read; and, after reading, the parties were call'd on to see if they do acquiesce in them: M^r McCracken said that they were not satisfying to his people. Lisburn.

Daniel Kinly answer'd he did acquiesce in them, and some of the Presbytry of Belfast answered that they acquiesc'd in them. The parties not being all of them satisfy'd, but M^r McCrackan and his people speaking against them, it was agreed that the parties withdraw, untill the Synod consider whether they think these Overtures proper for them to recomend to the several parties as terms of peace. The said Overtures are as follows and read, parties being present :— Mr McCracken.

Whereas Complaint has been made that several uncharitable reports, vented and spread in violation of the pacifick Expedients approv'd by the last Synod, for composing the debates between the Reverend Mr Alex^r McCrackan and the Session and Congregation of Lisburn of the one part, and Mr Daniel Kinly of the other; the Daniel Kinly.

Comittee appointed to take the said complaint into consideration propose to the Synod the following Overtures :—

Overtures for composing the debate betwixt the parties.

First. That the terms of accomodation concluded on at last Synod be now again confirm'd, and all parties in the most earnest maner exhorted to conform themselvs thereto, and keep them inviolably.

2. It is our opinion that the Reve^rd Presbytry of Belfast ought to have reprov'd any of the said parties whom they could find to have transgress'd the rules recomended by the Synod for restoring and preserving peace and charity among them.

3. That the Members of the Presbytry of Belfast be desir'd to declare whether or not they intended by their Certificat, granted to Daniel Kinly, to throw any reflexion on M^r McCracken, or to insinuate any thing contrary to the second resolution of last Synod.

4. It is our opinion that, all circumstances being consider'd, it is adviseable for the Presbytry of Belfast, at the desire of M^r McCrackan, the Session and Congregation of Lisburn, to grant them a dismiss from that Presbytry, and that they may be joyn'd to another Presbytry, which shall be willing to receive them; and this we judge a prudent expedient to quell their debates.

We having noe scruple concerning the veracity of M^r McCrackan, his Session and Congregation, or the veracity of his witnesses, but are of opinion that there is a plain consistency between what is asserted on both sides as to the two sixty pounds, so far that each of them may be speaking the real thoughts of their heart.

The several parties being remov'd, members were call'd to speak, and the Overtures of the Comittee being read one by one, they were all agreed to; and it being mov'd that the Certificat of Belfast Presbytry, and the Overtures of the Synod, should be compar'd to see if there be any inconsistency between them, this is referr'd till to morrow morning, and to be consider'd the first thing: the Comittees to meet at Eight, and Synod at ten a clock. This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Sess: 12.

Sess: 12. *Die Mercur: horâ decima ante merid*:

Junii 24, 1719. After prayer, *Sederunt*.

M^r McCracken.

This Synod resum'd the consideration of M^r McCracken's affair. M^r McCracken and all parties being fully heard, they were remov'd. Members having spoken on the affair, it was mov'd that the Question be put—Whether we will recomend to the several parties to acquiesce in the Overtures agreed to last night? and it was carry'd by the whole Synod, recomend, except onely one member. Then the parties were call'd in, and the Moderator intimated to them the Sentence of this Synod, and the Presbytry of Belfast so far as they were concern'd did acquiesce. The Presbytry did declare that they did not intend by their Certificat, giv'n to Daniel Kinly, to reflect on M^r McCracken, or do any thing inconsistent with the Second Overture, agreed to last year on that affair, as did also Mr Daniel Kinly. M^r McCracken and the Comiss^rs

Daniel Kinly.

from Lisburn desir'd a Copy of these Overtures, and some time to consider of them. This was granted. They went out accordingly, and promist to return and make report in a little time.

A Reference for advice from the Presbytry of Augher, for a matter relating to the Congregation of Mr Samuel McGachin, was read, and the following papers were read, vizt:—A Comission from the Congregation of Drum, and some of the Manor of Ashfield, to Mr John Armstrong and Mr Alexr Lawson, who appear'd; the Supplication of the Congregation of Drum, praying that the Congregation of Coothill may be rejoyn'd to them; a Supplication of the Manor of Ashfield; the Minuts of the Presbytry of Augher. Mr McGachine represented his great Grievances, and urges that they may either be redrest or his relation loos'd. It being enquir'd if there be any Comissrs here from Coothill, or if they were advertiz'd to be here, and noe such Comissrs appear'd, and the Synod do not find that they were advertiz'd to be here. Mr McGachine and the Comissrs being heard and remov'd, the Synod, upon mature consideration, resolv'd to recomend to the Congregation of Drum to proceed to the building of their Meeting House, and that Mr James Bruce write a letter to that purpose to that Congregaon.; and as to all the other parts of this cause, they refer it to their Comission, and appoint the Presbries of Augher and Longford to warn all parties concern'd to attend on them.

Drum.

Coothill.

Mr Kirkpatrick mov'd, by appointment of the Presbytry of Belfast, in the name of the old Congregation of Belfast, that the Ministers appointed by the Interloquitur to converse with that Presbytry, in order to advise that Congregation with respect to their Settlement, be now enjoyn'd to stay, and to keep that conference before the next Sederunt. The Synod agreed to this, and appointed that Conference to be held at the time desir'd. Mr Kirkpatrick further mov'd that the Synod would appoint Synodical supplies for nine moneths for that Congregation, and appoint their Comission, in case that Congregation desire the transportation of a fixt Minister, to hear and finally determine in that affair; and in case the fixt time of the Meeting of the Comission do not answer the conveniency of the Congregations concern'd in the Transportation, that the Moderator of the Comission be empower'd and oblig'd, at the desire of the Presbytry of Belfast, to call that Comission to cognosce and determine that affair. The Synod, considering both these motions, unanimously agreed to them both; and resolve to appoint the desir'd supplies next Sederunt; yet, so that if any person nam'd by the Synod shall offer sufficient reasons to his Presbytry why he cannot obey the appointment, the Presbytry shall have power to excuse him, and appoint another in his room.

Belfast Presbry desir'd that the appointed conference may be observ'd.

A way laid down with respect to planting the old Congregation of Belfast.

A Supplication from the Congregation of Knock, allow'd by the Comittee of Bills, desiring that two lands in the Congregation of Comber—to wit, CorneCriry and Counteracally—may be anext to that Congregation, in order to their being able to support their Minister, was read; and the matter therein contain'd is referr'd to the Consideration of the Presbytry of Down.

Knock supplicate: the matter referr'd to Down Presbry.

Then the Synod resum'd the Conference with the Presbytry of Antrim.

And Mr Abernethy, having open'd the Conference, made several remarks upon the Minuts of the Synod relating to his affair, and propos'd several questions to be answer'd by the Synod. When he was fully heard, it was mov'd and agreed to, that he and the Presbytry of Antrim be desir'd to remove untill the Synod would consider in what method they would manage the Conference; and accordingly these Brethren withdrew, and the Synod, after serious consideration of the matter propos'd to them, came to this vote—Whether this Synod will make any alterations in the Resolutions they have already agreed on in this affair, or not? and it carry'd that this Synod will make noe alterations in their resolutions; and the Synod order'd the Presbytry of Antrim and Mr Abernethy to be call'd in, and this resolution to be intimated to them; but in case that Presbytry insist upon continuing the Conference, so as not to defait this resolution, the Synod allows them to go on with the Conference; and Mr Hutcheson and Mr Kirkpatrick are appointed to manage that Conference on the part of the Synod. Mr Kirkpatrick is appointed to write a letter to the Presbytry of Dublin, in pursuance of the fourth Resolution agreed on in Mr Abernethy's affair.

The Conference with Antrim Presbytry to be manag'd with an expresse caution.

Write to the Prebry of Dublin.

Antrim gave in a paper shewing their dissatisfaction with the managmt of their affair.

The Presbytry of Antrim presented a paper expressing their great dissatisfaction with this last Act, and that as the former proceedings of this Synod in this affair have been offensive, injurious, and tending to subvert the Constitution of this Presbyterian Church, and the most Essential Rights of Presbyteries and their Members, so this last resolution is arbitrary, opposing mere authority to reason, and in contempt of the plain fundamental liberties of the members of a Christian Society.

The people of Lisburn return'd the Resolutions agreed on in their affair, and gave in a paper containing some exceptions against some of them; but they intirely fell in with the last, and in pursuance of that, desir'd that the Presbytry of Belfast be appointed to give them a dismiss, in order to their joyning themselvs to some other Presbytry. This their request was agreed to, and it was recomēnded to the Presbytry of Belfast to give that Congregation their dismiss, which the Presbytry said they were ready to do.

Lisburn desir'd to be dismisst from the Presbytry of Belfast.

The Presbytry of Belfast, and the Brethren appointed to confer with them, are order'd to meet at half hour after three; and the Synod at five.

This Sederunt concluded with prayer.

Sess: 13.

Die Mercur: horâ quinta post merid:, Junii 24th, 1719.

After prayr, *Sederunt.*

The people of Lisburn desir'd that Mr McCracken's Evidences be examin'd; and upon the Moderator's telling to them, that the Synod had come to a resolution not to recognize that affair, and not to receive these Evidences, upon this they bid the Synod adieu, and said that the Synod had cast them off; but before they went away desir'd an Extract of the Minuts of the Presbytry of Belfast. The Synod considering this their desire, after some consultation, we appointed Mr James Bruce and Mr Gilbert Keñedy to speak to the people and to Mr

McCracken, and to see to persuade them not to make an ill use of the Minuts. They having converst with them, made report, that the people, after all the arguments, they persisted in their resolution to print the Minuts if they get them. Upon which the Synod advis'd that Presbytry not to give to them a Copy of their Minuts; but if they shall regularly subject themselvs to another Presbytry, in that case the Presbytry of Belfast shall put their Minuts in the hands of that Presbytry upon their application. They further made report, that Mr McCracken and the people of Lisburn propos'd this Overture, that the whole matter be considered as *res integra*, and refer'd to the decision of two or four Laymen nominated by each Party, and that they would acquiesce in their determination. The Synod agrees that it is not conveinent nor just to grant their desire.

Lisburn desir'd a Copy of the Minuts of Belft Presbry, relating to them, which, for reasons, was refus'd.

The affair of our publick Fund being resum'd, this Synod proceeded to settle a Key for applotting the total Sum̄ of Two hundred fifty-four pound ten shillings. They found it impracticable for this year to alter their former Key; but in regard there are some alterations in Presbytries, by there being some Congregations disjoyn'd from some, and añext to others, and by reason of the addition of five pound for this year to the total charge of the last, this occasions some small alteration of the respective sum̄s of the several Prēsbries, which are as follows:—

Belfast,	37 : 10 : –	to Kirkdoñald 4 : – : –, to Droheda 20 : – : –, to Moyra 5 : – : –, to Dundalk 8 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : –
		Lisburn, 5 pound to Droheda.
Down,	29 : 10 : –	to Galway 20 : – : –, to Droheda 5 : – : –, to Edenderry 2 : 10 : –, to Badoni 0 : 10 : 0, to Dundalk 1 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : 0.
Antrim,	31 : 10 : –	to Dunean 5 : – : –, to Dundalk 17 : 10 : –, to Edenderry 5 : 10 : –, to Glenarm 3 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : 0.
Ardmagh,	32 : 10 : –	to VeniCash 9 : – : –, to Lurgan 10 : 10 : –, to Edenderry 7 : – : –, to Droheda 5 : – : –, to CastleBlany 1 : – : –
Longford,	10 : 10 : –	to Belturbet 10 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : 0.
Augher,	18 : – : –	to Belturbet 10 : – : –, to CastleBlany 6 : 10 : –, to Lurgan 1 : 10 : –
Tyrone,	18 : – : –	to LoghGall 12 : – : –, to CastleBlany 3 : 10 : –, to Glendivadock 2 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : 0.
Straban,	14 : 10 : –	to Stranorlan 6 : – : –, to Do 7 : – : –, to Glendivadock 1 : 10 : –
Colrain,	21 : – : –	to Athlone 10 : – : –, to Dundalk 3 : 10 : –, to Slego 5 : 10 : –, to Golan 2 : – : –
Latterkeñy	11 : 10 : –	to Slego 9 : 10 : –, to Do 0 : 10 : 0, to Badoni 1 : – : –, to Lurgan 0 : 10 : 0.
Derry,	25 : – : –	to Golan 2 : – : –, to Badoni 6 : – : –, to Glendivadock 2 : – : –, to Moywater 15 : – : –

Monthly supplies to the Old Congregation of Belft.

The Synod appointed the following monethly supplies for the Old Congregation of Belfast, vizt—Mrs Robert Rainey from Ardmagh Presbytry, Mr Alex^{r} Brown from Antrim, Mr Robert McBride from Rout, Mr Thomas Nevin from Down, Mr David Thomb from Tyrone, Mr Victor Ferguson from Straban, Mr Josias Cornwall from Augher, Mr William Gray from Londonderry, Mr Francis Laird from Latterkenny; who are to supply the follīng months:—

Mr Ferguson to supply for the moneth of August, Mr Laird for September, Mr Cornwall for October, Mr Brown for November, Mr Nevin for Decem^{r}, Mr Rainey for Jañ^{ry}, Mr Thomb for February, Mr Gray for Aprile, M^{r} McBride for March.

Order'd, that in case any of these Brethren cannot go, the Presbytry is to send another in his room.

The Comittee appointed by the General Synod to consider the affair of Ahadowy, having met, read the Minuts of the Presbytry of Rout relating to the state of accounts between Mr James McGrigor and that Congregation of Ahadowy; and diverse pap^{rs} were laid before us by the persons who appear'd from Aghadowy; after which, upon mature deliberation, we find by the Records of the Presbytry of Rout, as well as by some of the papers produc'd by the persons appearing from Ahadowy, that the said Congregation owes a considerable arrear to M^{r} McGrigor—above 80 pounds. It is the opinion of this Comittee, considering the present circumstances of that Congregation, that the Presbytry of Rout may accept of the sum of 35 pnds in lieu of all arrears due by them to M^{r} McGrigor; and we overture that noe steps be taken by the said Presbytry towards the settlement of that Congregation till the said sum of 35 pounds be actually paid by them.

A Committee of Min^{rs} with their Eld^{rs} to meet and determine an affair relating to Clogh, as also relating to Ahadowy.

The Comittee of Overtures, having heard a representation of some difficulties wherewithall the Presbytry of Rout are burden'd, in regard the Session of Clogh not only refuse to pay the publick Fund and other publick Charges, but some uncharitable and false representations are made of that Presbytry and several of their Members, to the great prejudice of the Interest of a Gospel Minister, do overture that this Synod appoint a Comittee of their number to meet with the Presbytry of Rout at Bellymony, on the first Tuesday of Aug^{t}, at eleven a clock in the forenoon, then and there fully to hear and heal those differences, that, peace being restor'd, the Ministry vindicated, the Gospel may be glorify'd.

The Members of the Comittee are as follows:—From Derry, Mrs John Harvy, sen^{r}, Jo^{n} Stirling, Maj^{r} Murray; from Antrim, Mrs Charles Masterton, Will: Leech, Tho: Shaw; from Tyrone, Mrs Thomas Keñedy, Henry Crooks, David Thomb, and their Elders. Mr Masterton and Mr Shaw are appointed to write to the people of Clogh to attend that Comittee. The affair of Ahadowy is also referr'd to that Comittee.

The Synod having had diverse affairs laid before them, which they cannot now bring to an issue, and considering that there may be a necessity of having some affairs issu'd before the Meeting of the next General Synod, which may fall out in the Intervall between this and

the Ensueing Synod, do Empower and Comissionate Mrs Robert Craghead, James Kirkpatrick, Michael Bruce, Ministers, John Sinclar, John Johnston, Elders, from Belfast Presbytry; Mrs James Maxwel, John Ball, Nehemiah Doñaldson, Ministers, Thomas Edwards, Esqr, John Wilson, Elders, from Straban; Mrs William Gray, John Harvy, jun^r, Sam: Ross, Miñ^rs, Mr John Harvy, John Lindsay, Elders, from Derry; Mr Haltridg, Mr Higginbotham, Mr Porter, Ministers, Mr James Ball, Gawin Steel, Elders, from Colerain; Mr Milikin, Mr Thomb, Mr Alex^r Moor, Ministers, Mr John Boyd, Will: Agnew, Elders, from Tyrone; Mr John Hutcheson, Gilbert Keñedy, James Fleming, Ministers, Mr James Johnston, Capt McNeil, Elders, from Ardmagh; Mr Samuel Dunlop, Francis Laird, David Ferly, Ministers, Capt Henderson, Robert Ferly, Elders, from Latterkenny; Mr Baptist Boyd, Umphry Thompson, Samuel Hemphill, Ministers, Capt Robert Wilson, Thomas Johnston, Elders, from Augher; Mrs James McAlpin, Archbald Dickson, Hugh Ramsey, Ministers, Mr Hugh Wallace, John Byers, Elders, from Down; Mrs James Tate, David Sim, Will: Hair, Ministers, Cap^tn Francis Wilson, John Ferys, Elders, from Longford; Mr Will: Leech, Cha: Masterton, Thomas Shaw, Ministers, Mr John Shaw, Mr John McDowel, Elders, from Antrim; or their Quorum (which is hereby declar'd to be any twenty-one, whereof fifteen are to be Ministers), to meet at DunGeñan on the third Wednesday of October at twelve a clock, and on the first Wednesday of February at twelve a clock, with a power to them or their Quorum to adjourn themselvs as they shall find cause, or to meet more frequently upon weighty reasons inducing their Moderator to call them, with full power to them finally to determine in all causes comitted to them, according to Instructions giv'n them by this Synod, yet so as to be accountable to and censurable by the next General Synod for all their actings; and in any case any of the Members cannot attend either the stated times of their Meeting, or their occasional Meetings call'd *pro re natâ*, their respective Presbytries shall appoint others to act as members in their stead.

Members of the Comission of the Church.

Their Comission.

Instructions to the Commiss^rs of this Synod to act pursuant to the aforesaid Comission :—

First. They are carefully to peruse all the Minuts of this Synod at each Meeting, and judge in every matter especially comitted to them, and particularly nam'd in any of the said Minuts.

Instructions.

2. They are at each Meeting to take an account of the state of the public Fund, enquire into the condition and circumstances of the Congregations that depend upon it, use all possible endeav^rs for making it effectual, and prepare good Overtures to be laid before the next General Synod for a better regulation of it, and particularly for applotting it in a Method that may give more general Satisfaction. And all Presbytries are appointed to send stated accounts of their part of the fund to each of the stated Meetings of the Comission, upon pain of being censur'd by the next Synod.

3. They are empower'd to give advice to the several Presbytries in all intricate and difficult cases, especially in all cases that tend to the preservation of the peace and concord of this Church, and with

respect to the planting of the Gospell in Congregations of great Importance to the public Interest of Religion.

4. They shall have a power to take all proper measures, and make appointments for carrying on the good work of the conversion of the Irish, and for that end to hold a correspondence with the Comittee and Presbytry in Dublin.

5. That all affairs for the public Interest of this Church, which have been at any time adjudg'd to be Emergents, that requir'd the Meeting of and were comitted to the General Comittees of former Synods, shall be comitted to the present Comission; and particularly in case the Presbytry of Dublin shall call a joint Comittee from North and South (which they are hereby empower'd to do), the present Comission shall be the Synod's part of that joint Comittee to meet in that case at Newry.

This Synod concluded with pray^r.

Interloq^r 1.

Con^ll Upton gave an account to this Interloq^r of his diligence in the affair comitted to him by the joint Comittee at Newry.

The Presbytry of Derry complain'd that, by an act of the Interloq^r last year, their proportion of Reg: Donum was detain'd from them, because they had not advanc'd their full proportion of the Fund, which they declare they can't do, thô they have us'd their utmost Endeav^r in that matter; and, after reasoning, this Interloq^r appointed their Moderat^r to order Mr Blair to pay to the Presbytry of Derry what is due to them.

Mr William Cornwall is to be paid his proportion of Reg: Donum till Midsummer last inclusive.

2.

Mr Kirkpatrick is order'd to write a letter to my Lord Blaney, to thank his Lordship for his kindnesse to Mr Hemphill and his Congregation.

Mr Kirkpatrick, in name of the Presbytry of Belfast, at the desire of the old Congregation of Belfast, mov'd to this Interloq^r that some Brethren be appointed to consult with the Presbytry of Belfast about planting the said Congregation; and having nam'd the following Brethren—Mr Jo^n Hutcheson, Mr Lang, Mr Abernethy, Mr Haltridg, Mr Brown, Mr Biggar, Mr Higginbotham, as persons that Presbytry had agreed to name, and which were agreeable to the Congregation, the Interloquitur appoints these Brethren to meet with the said Presbytry to advise about the settlement of that Congregation.

The case of Mr Patrick Campbell, of Dublin, was represented to this Interloq^r as what requir'd their compassionate and charitable regard. The Interloq^r having seriously consider'd this case, agreed that each Minister do lay this case before his Session, and, in conjunction with his Elders, speak to all the persons of substance and

distinction in his Congregation, and exhort such to contribute liberally for his relief; and where there are not persons of that Character in his Congregation, that in that case there shall be a public Collection for his use in every such Congregation, with previous intimation; and that every Session judge whether speaking privately to the members of the Congregation, or making a public Collection, will be the most effectual way, and choose either of the two that they shall judge best; and that whatever is got shall be transmitted to Mr Iredell, in Dublin, against the first of Septemr next at farthest; and each Presbytry is hereby earnestly entreated, from their first Sederunt, to take a copy of this Minut for each Membr, to be shew'd to his Session; and where any Congregation is vacant, a Minister shall be appointed to manage this affair with them; and that our Clerk shall deliver Extracts of this Minut to each Presbytry before this Synod dissolve.

Mr Patrick Campbell. His case represented. An order thereupon.

Mr Kirkpatrick reported to this Interloqr, the reasons that hindred him from giving to the Clerk our Directory for Discipline, and he was excus'd; and it was referr'd to the Comission to judg when it shall be most conveinent to have that directory transmitted to the respective Presbytries

Directory for Discipline.

Order'd, that Mrs Brown, Tho: Nevin, Robt Higinbotham, do, upon examining the accounts of what the Presbytries have brought in for Mr Upton's charges, prepare a draught of the applottments of the said charges on the several Presbytries, and fix the several proportions to be deducted off the shares of additional Reg: Donum belonging to each Presbytry; that Mr Blair may have clear Instructions how to divide the remainder, and that the said Comittee do make their report to the next Meeting of this Interloqr.

A Comittee to make report of the deductions of additional R: D:

3.

A Motion being made that the Children of Mr Lie, their mother being now dead, have the R: D: continu'd during the vacancy of the Congregation—agreed, that they have a share of the old R: D: for one year; and that it's only the old R: D: that shall be granted to Widows and Children of Ministers during the vacancy of Congregations; and we further agree that the Overture with respect to Widows and Children of Ministers be understood only in this sense, that only such Widows as the several Presbytries shall judge to stand in need of it, be intitled thereunto, the several Presbytries from their first sederunt to send our Treasurer an account of such Widows as they recomend.

Presbries send accot to our Treasurer what Widows and Children of Ministers are entitled to R: D:

A Comittee appointed to examine Mr Robert Sturgeon and report to the Interloqr, which report and confirmation by the Synod, see in Sess: 8 of this Synod's Minuts.

Mr Sturgeon.

The case of Mr McGrigor, represented by Rout Presbytry, is referr'd to a Comittee of the whole house, viz:, whether he shall be allow'd a quar of R: D: over and above what was justly due to him.

The Interloqr fell upon the fraternal Censures. The Presbytry of Ardmagh was first remov'd, in order to have their conduct consider'd.

Fraternal Censures.

Their conduct was very agreeable to the Synod. That Presbytry being call'd in,

The Presbytry of Down went out. They were approv'd. That Presbytry being call'd in,

The Prēsbries of Derry, Augher, Tyrone, Latterkeñy, what members are here, were remov'd. It appears there is but one member of each of these Presbytries here. It was observ'd that the Presbytries of Derry and Straban came to the Synod and stay but two days ordinarily, and then go away, and ev'n while they are here they do not attend the Synod's business well. From Derry Presbytry only Mr Samll Ross is here; and from Augher Presbytry Mr Macclane; from Straban Presbytry only one present.

The Presbytry of Antrim being remov'd, the Synod, upon considering their conduct, reflected with the greatest concern particularly upon a paper giv'n in by that Presbytry as their sense of the last vote of this Synod in their affair, which is recorded in its proper place. This paper being read by the Synod, was judg'd to be false and calumnious, and a great instance of the contempt of their Brethren, and tending to weaken their hands in managing the affairs of this Church; and that the Presbytry be rebuk'd by the Moderator for the same, and exhorted to behave for the future with more modesty and Christian charity. Besides this there were several indecent expressions of particular members of that Presbytry remarkt as very offensive. The said Presbytry being call'd in, who were about three in number, were rebukt by the Modr, and a suitable exhortation giv'n.

Longford being remov'd, the Synod was well pleas'd with them. They being call'd in, the Presbytry of Belfast was remov'd. They were generally present. Mr Malcom was absent this week. It was observ'd that some of that Presbytry had too long discourses. That Presbytry being call'd in,

The Moderator was approv'd, and the Synod thankt him for his good conduct. The Clerk was likewise approv'd.

Finis.

At a General Synod met in Belfast, June 21st, 1720.

Die Martis, horâ 5 *a merid:*

Mr Robert Craghead having open'd this Synod by preaching on 1 Cor: 10, 1; and, after constitution by prayer, *Sederunt* the Ministers and Ruling Elders of this Synod.

The Presbytries of

Sessio prima.

STRABAND.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Masters John Ball	James Russell
Nehemiah Donaldson	
Victor Ferguson	

LONGFORD.

M-rs James Teatt.....
Samuel Dunlop .....John Wright
Thomas Anderson .....
Robert Thompson .....
David Sim.....Samuel Ferguson
Alexr Hamilton .....
Robert Rutherford .....

ANTRIM.

M-rs William Taylor, senr .....
William Leech .....Hugh Harbison
Alexander Brown.....William McCreigh
John Abernethy .....Mr John Shaw
Charles Masterton .....Thomas Egelsham
William Livingston .....Conll Upton
James Crichton .....Alexandr Ligat
John Henderson .....John Park
Thomas Shaw .....Mr Robert Harper
Thomas Wilson .....John Millar
William Taylor, junr .....Mr John Craig
Samuel Getty .....Samuel Smely
James White.....John Gordon
Josias Clugston .....John Tarbett

COLERAIN.

M-rs Mathew Clark .....
Robert Haltridg .....John Agnew
Henry Neil .....
William Boyd .....John Weir
John Porter .....
Robert Higinbotham .....Mr Fran: Ross
Robert McBride .....Mr James Ball
John Cochren .....James Randell
Thomas Cobham .....Mr Gawin Steel
James Thompson.....James Wilson
Robert Knox.....John Patoun

AUGHER.

M-rs John McGachy .....
Robert Colthart .....Samuel Smith
Baptist Boyd .....
Umphry Thompson.....John Sloan
Josias Cornwall .....Richard Robison
Alexandr Fleming .....Mr Strean
Samuel McGachy.....Thomas Armstrong
Patrick Plunket .....Mr John Carlile

Thomas McClane ..... Francis Carlile
Samuel Irwin ..... Robert Greason
Nathaneel Glasgow.....
Samuel Hemphill..... Robert Collen

DOWN.

Mrs James Bruce.....
John Gawdie..... Thomas Williamson
Henry Hamilton ..... Hugh McGown
James McAlpin..... William Bety
Thomas Orr ..... James Orr
Samuel Shenan ..... Capt Hugh Maxwell
William Biggar ..... James Jackson
William Smith ..... John Chalmers
James Reid ..... Michael Moorhead
Hugh Ramsey ..... William Mailland
Archbald Dickson ..... Mr Hugh Wallace
Thomas Nevin ..... James Hall
Francis Montgomery ..... Mr John Hamilton
Thomas Eldar ..... John Copland
Nathll Orr .....
John Mairs ..... Mr John Thompson

TYRONE.

Mrs Henry Crooks ..... Robert Adams
Thomas Kenedy ..... Joshua Ladley
John McClave ..... William Fleming
Thomas Milikin ..... Samuel Martin
Hugh Wallace ..... John Anderson
John Kenedy ..... John Fisher
Alexandr Moor..... Mr William Agnew
Nathaniel Cochren .....
James Dykes..... John Gordon

LATTERKENY.

Mrs Samuel Henry .....
Francis Laird .....
James Wallace .....
John Holmes..... John Laird
Robert Wilson .....
James Cochren ..... Mr William Blair

DERRY.

Mrs William Gray ..... Mr John Lindsay
John Stirling ..... Robert Morison
Hans Stuart .....
Samuel Ross..... Mr Josh: Ennis

Ninian Cochren .....
William Cuningham .....William Bedin

BELFAST.

Mrs John Malcom .....William McClinshy
Alexandr McCrackan .....William Townsend
James Kirkpatrick .....John Eccles
James Cobham.....Archbald Craford
John Riddell.....
Robert Sinclar .....William Brown
James Stuart .....James Smith
Charles Seaton..... ..Thomas Jameson
Robert Wirling .....
Robert Craghead.....John Sinclar
Samuel Harper.....Capt: Will: Moor
Patrick Bruce ....John Gawdy
Mr McQuay .....David McCullogh

ARDMAGH.

Mr Archbald Maclane.....John Grier
John Hutcheson .....Mr James Johnston
Moses Cherrie .....Georg Eward
Georg Lang .....Robert Gordon
Gilbert Kenedy .....Robert Currie
James Fleming .....Thomas Gihon
Robert Rainey .....Robert Pollock
James Johnston .....John Tod
William McKay .....Robert Stephenson
James Moor .....Mr Robert McMullen
Robert Gordon.....James Hart
Hugh Henry.....
Patrick Simson .....
John Campbell .....James Porter
Archd Maclane, junr .....Gilbert Seawright

Mr Samuel Haliday .....
Mr Robert Boyd .....

Correspondents from Dublin and the South—

Mr Richard Choppin
Mr Leland
Mr Alexandr Woods

Andrew Craford	William Martin
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The Moderator desiring that a new Moderator may be chosen, nam'd the following Brethren:—Mr James Cobham, Mr James Teatt, Mr Francis Laird, Mr Robert Haltridg, Mr Gilbert Kenedy, Mr John New Moderatr chosen.

McGachy, Mr James Reid, Mr Charles Masterton, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr John Stirling, Mr John Ball, that one of the said Brethren may be chosen to moderate in this Synod. Every of those Brethren being heard the reason why another should be chosen, and having giv'n their vote, remov'd.

The Roll being call'd, Mr Gilbert Keñedy was, by plurality of votes, chosen Moderator.

Clerk continu'd.

Andrew Craford was continu'd Clerk; Mr James Reid and Mr William McKay to be his assistants.

4 Comittees.

For the more orderly managing the affairs to be laid before this Synod, the several Presbytries are to name their members for the Comittee of Overtures, Bills, Revising Sub-Synod books, and the Fund, at next Sederunt.

Meet for prayer.

Agreed, that we meet here for prayr at Seven of the Clock to morrow morning, and continue till nine, and from nine to Eleven in a Comittee of the whole house.

Adjourn'd till 11 of the clock to morrow morning.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 2a.

Die Mercur: horâ 11a *ante merid: Junii* 22, 1720.

Roll call'd after prayr, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Met for prayr.

The time appointed for prayr was observ'd.

The several Presbytries return'd the names of their Members of the Comittees above mention'd as follows :—

Comittees for Overtures.

OVERTURES.

Mrs John Ball.	Henry Crooks.
Robert Colthart.	Thomas Keñedy.
John McGachy.	Hugh Wallace.
Umphry Thompson.	John McClave.
James Teatt.	Samuel Henry.
Samuel Dunlop.	Francis Laird.
William Taylor, senr.	William Gray.
John Abernethy.	John Stirling.
Charles Masterton	Samuel Ross.
William Liviston.	James Kirkpatrick.
William Taylor, junr.	Robert Craghead.
Robert Higinbotham.	James Cobham.
Robert Haltridg.	James Fraser.
William Boyd.	Archbald McClane, senr.
James Bruce.	John Hutcheson.
Henry Hamilton.	Moses Cherrie.
Samuel Sheñan.	George Lang.
James McAlpin.	James Fleming.
William Smith.	

The Correspondents from Dublin and the South to meet with this Comittee.

Resolv'd, that this Comittee prepare an overture for peace in this

Church in the juncture we are, and that it be the first thing they are to enter upon.

To meet in the Vestry of the New Meeting House at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon, at which time all the Comittees are to meet, and the Synod at 5 a clock.

BILLS. Bills.

M-rs Victor Ferguson.
Alexr Hamilton.
Thomas Anderson.
Robert Thompson.
William Leech.
Thomas Shaw.
John Henderson.
Mathew Clark.
Henry Neil.
Robert Knox.
Alexr Fleming.
Samuel McGachy.
Samuel Hemphill.
John Gawdy.
William Biggar.
Thomas Orr.
Hugh Ramsey.
James Reid.
Thomas Milikin.
Alexr Moor.
James Cochren.
Ninian Cochren.
John Malcom.
Robert Sinclar.
Robert Wirling.
Charles Seaton.
William McKay.
James Moor.
Robert Gordon.

To meet in the Vestry of the Old Meeting House.

REVISE BOOKS. Books

M-rs Robert Rutherford.
James Crichton.
Samuel Getty.
Josias Clugston.
James White.
Robert McBride.
James Thompson.
Patrick Plunket.
Thomas McClane.
Nathll Glasgow.
Nathll Orr.
Francis MontGomery.
Thomas Nevin.
Thomas Eldar.
John McClave.
Hugh Wallace.
Robert Wilson.
Hans Stuart.
Samuel Harper.
James Stuart.
John Riddell.
Hugh Henry.
John Campbell.
Patrick Simson.
Archd McClane, junr.

To meet in the Vestry Gallery of the Old Meeting House. The books to be now delivered.

FUND. Fund.

M-rs Nehemiah Doñaldson.
Alexandr Brown.
Thomas Wilson.
John Porter.
Thomas Cobham.
James Cochren.
Baptist Boyd.
Josias Cornwall.
Samuel Irwin.
Archbald Dickson.
John Mairs.
John Keñedy.
James Dykes.
Francis Laird.
William Conyngham.
Patrick Bruce.
Robert Rainey.
James Johnston.

To meet in one of the Galleries of the Old Meeting House.

The Ruling Elders to be members of the Comittees whereof their Ministers are Members.

Adjourn'd till 5 *a merid:* This Sederunt concluded with pray^{r}.

Sess: 3a.

Die Mercur: horâ 5 *a merid: Junii* 22^{d}, 1720.

After pray^{r}, *Sederunt qui sup:*

Absents from last Synod who were not excus'd, they (their reasons being now heard) were excus'd, except Mr Ferly, who is now absent.

Absents excus'd.

Absents from this Synod and excus'd—Mrs Samuel Haliday, sen^{r}, Thomas Wynsly, Willm Holmes, Seth Drumond, Alex^{r} McCracken, jun^{r}, William Hair, William Howstoun, John Maior, Robert Campbell, Samuel Dunlop, David Ferly, Andrew Ferguson, Alexand^{r} Sinclar, Francis Iredell, Michael Bruce, Charles Wallace, John Wilson, James Maxwell.

Not excus'd.

Absents not excus'd—Mrs David Thomb, Charles Lynd, John Harvy, Thomas Harvy, John Harvy, jun^{r}, Major Murray.

Dead since last Synod :—

Mr Alexand^{r} Colvill dy'd Decem^{r} 1st, 1719.

Ordain'd.

Ordain'd since last Synod :—

Colerain ordain'd Mr Robert Knox, Octob^{r}, 1719.

Derry ordain'd Mr William Conyngham, Feb: 3^{d}, 1719–20.

Down ordain'd Mr John Mairs, Feb^{r}y 10, 1719–20.

Ardmagh ordain'd Mr Arch^{d} McClane, jun^{r}, April 26, 1720.

Tyrone ordain'd Mr James Dykes, May 25, 1720.

Latterkeny ordain'd Mr Patrick Vans, Decem^{r} 23, 1719.

Licens'd.

Licens'd since last Synod :—

By Straband Presbytry, Mr John Menah, Mr Cadow; by Antrim, Mr Timothy White; by Down, Mr Thomas Scot; by Derry, Mr James Ban, Mr Henry Cowdoun; by Belfast, Mr William Smith.

Entred on Trials.

Entred on Trials :—

Antrim have entred Mr John McKee on first Trials.

Colerain have entred Mr Adam Boyd on first Trials.

To be entred.

To be entred on Trials :—

Down to enter Mr Hugh Williamson on first Trials.

Longford to enter Mr William Deniston on first Trials, and Mr William Paton and Mr Andrew Dean on second Trials.

Mr Jameson, Probāon^{r}, fm N: Britain.

Mr James Jameson, a Probation^{r} from North Britain, presented to this Synod an Extract of Licence from the Presbytry of Biggar to preach the Gospel, and Testimonials of his good behavio^{r} from the said

Presbytry. These papers were read and approv'd by this Synod. This Synod allows any Presbytry within our bounds to employ him.

This Synod consider'd the time and place of our next Synod. The Question was put—Whether the next Synod shall meet at Belfast, Derry, or Antrim? It was carry'd by majority that the next Synod shall meet in Belfast, on the third Tuesday of June; sermon to begin at five of the Clock that afternoon. Time and place of next Synod.

The Synod orders that what public money is in the hands of any minister here, it shall be paid to the Collectrs of the several Presbytries, to be distributed forthwith, according to the applottment of this Synod, to the persons concern'd. Public money.

Order'd, that these who have not paid toward the building of Castle Blaney Meeting House, shall pay the said money before this Synod close.

The Presbytries of Down, Antrim, Belfast, and Ardmagh have paid the money to Mr James Wallace which this Synod recomended to them. Moy-water.

The Presbytry of Belfast reports that they have us'd all diligence to engage the Congregation of Glenavy to pay the seventy pound (appointed by the General Synod) to Mr John Riddell, a member of that Presbytry now reports that there is a Comissioner here from that Congregation to confer with that Presbytry on these accounts, and therefore hope they shall be able to give a more satisfying account of that affair afterward; and so it was referr'd. Glenavy. Mr Riddell.

Mr Alexandr McCracken, senr, represented to this Synod that he and his people labour under some Grievances by a Law Sute comenc'd against them by some people in Lisburn, about the Brief-money which they got in North-Britain by virtue of our recomendation to the General Assembly in that Kingdom. The Synod considering this case, appointed the Clerk to bring into the Synod the Act recomending the sufferers in Lisburn to the General Assembly to morrow morning: that affair to be consider'd the first at our next Sederunt. Mr McCrackan. Lisburn.

The Presbytry of Ardmagh are appointed to pay the arrears due by them to Lurgan, VeniCash, and Dundalk, so soon as possible.

This Synod orders all their members who have not giv'n Charity to Mr Weir, to transmit their Collections to Mr Thomas Macclane, for Mr Weir's use, so soon as possible. Mr Weir.

The Revisers of Belfast Synod-book made report that they have revis'd the book, and do approve it. So doth this Synod, the approbation thereof to be insertod in the book, and subscrib'd by the Moderator. Belfast book approv'd.

The Revisers of Derry book report that they have revis'd the book; that it is not fitt to be kept as a Record. That Synod is order'd to change their Clerk, who is to engross the Minuts of their last Synod in a fair hand, and produce it, that it may be revis'd at our next Synod. Derry book not approv'd.

The Revisers of Ardmagh Synod book report that they have revis'd said book, and approve it. So doth this Synod, the approbation thereof to be inserted in the book, and subscrib'd by our Moderator. Ardmagh book approv'd.

Howford.

The People of Howford laid their affair before the Comission of the Church met at DunGeñan in October last. That affair was then issu'd.

Maherawly.

The affair of Maherawly was issu'd by the Presbytry of Ardmagh with Correspondents.

The Minut of last General Synod upon the affair of Mr John Abernethy and Usher's-Key was read. This matter is to come before us to morrow morning immediately after Mr McCracken's case is consider'd. Mr Hutcheson and Mr Gilbert Keñedy wrote by appointment of last Synod to William Brownlow, of Lurgan, Esqr, expressing our sense of his regard to our Brother Fleming.

A letter writ to Mr Brownlow, of Lurgan.

The Comission of this Church met at DunGeñan according to appointment. The Minuts of the said Comission are to be read afterwards.

Adjourn'd till ten of the Clock to morrow morning; the Comittees to meet at Seven a clock.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 4a.

Die jovis, horâ decima ante meridiem, Junii 23, 1720.

After prayr, *Sederunt qui supra.*

Mr McCracken.

According to appointment of last Sederunt, Mr McCracken's business was taken first into consideration. He did set forth that he and his people are like to suffer greatly by a claim put in by some persons to money allow'd to him and to his Congregation, by the General Assembly, the order of which Assembly was founded on a letter sent by some Ministers met together to the General Assembly, to which letter and our Minuts he refers himself for the truth of what he asserts. The Clerk made report that he well minds the letter that was writ by appointment of some Ministers and Elders, met Febry 9th, 1708. He read the Minut appointing that letter, but hath not the letter here. Mr McCracken crav'd that, seing that case now depends before the Courts, he may have the mind of the Synod whether the design of that letter was for the sufferers in Lisburn in general, or for him and his people? To be consider'd afterward.

Mr McCracken.

Mr McCracken prest that a Certificat giv'n by the Presbytry of Belfast to Daniel Kinly, it being inconsistent with the terms of peace recomended to all parties, may be withdrawn. He also propos'd that all these matters might be resum'd. He being heard, and also Daniel Kinly (Mr McCracken said, seing Daniel Kinly got a Certificat, it's but just that he get one too, nothing being laid to his charge to hinder what he moves for), were remov'd.

Daniel Kinly.

Drop Mr McCracken's motion.

The Synod considering what is desir'd, and that this affair was fully consider'd and determin'd in Synod *anno* 1718, at which time all parties were enjoyn'd to bury all these debates in oblivion; it was mov'd, whether resume this affair or drop the motion intirely? It was carry'd by a great majority, drop. As to what was propos'd about withdrawing the Certificat giv'n to Daniel Kinly, that being consider'd at last Synod, the resolutions on the affair of Mr McCracken, Lisburn

Session, and Daniel Kinly, were, by order, read. We did not find any thing in the Certificat inconsistent with these Resolutions, therefore there is no need of withdrawing it.

Then Mr McCracken's desire relating to the letter written to the General Assembly in Febry, 1708–9, was consider'd. The members of that Comittee of Ministers who appointed the said letter were askt if they believe the intention of that letter to the General Assembly about relief to Mr McCracken did extend to all the sufferers in Lisburn by the fire, or was it intended only for Mr McCracken and his people for building their Meeting House? It was answer'd, that they verily believe, yea, well mind, that it was for Mr McCracken and his people. Mr Henry Hamilton, Mr James Bruce, Mr Thomas Orr, Mr John McGachy, are to frame an Overture on this affair, and lay it before us.

A Comittee appointed to frame an Overture on Mr McCracken's motion about the letter to the Gen: Assembly.

The Comittee of Overtures to meet at half four; Interloqr at five. Adjourn'd till six *a meridie.*

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Hora sexta post merid: After prayr, *Sederunt qui sup:* Sess: 5.

The Synod, having appointed Mr Higinbotham, Mr Dunlop, and Mr Simson to go to Dublin and preach to the Highlanders and Irish, they fulfill'd said appointment. The Synod also appointed their Congregations to be supply'd in their absence. Mr Higinbotham and Mr Dunlop's were supply'd, but Mr Simson's congregation was not supply'd by the Presbytry of Belfast according to the appointment of the Synod. That Presbytry told to the Synod that they mistook the time in which they ought to have supply'd Dundalk, which was the occasion of that neglect.

The Minrs appointed to preach in Irish obey'd the apptment.

The Comittee of Overtures laid the following Overtures before the Synod, which, being read three times, are as follows:—

That whereas there has been a Surmize of a design to lay aside the Westminster Confession of Faith, and our larger and shorter Catechisms—We of this Synod do unanimously declare that none of us have or had such a design, but on the contrary, as we still adhere to the said Confession and Catechisms, so we do earnestly recomend to all under our care to have in their custody, and carefully peruse them, and train up their children in the knowledg of them, and if any have spoken disrespectfully, or tending to disparage them, we strictly forbid any such thing to be done for the future, and that our people should be assur'd of this as the unanimous judgment of this Synod for removing all jealousies they have had of any person on that account; and we heartily recomend and enjoyn the said Confession (as being a very good abridgment of the Christain doctrines contain'd in the Sacred Scriptures) to be observ'd according to an act of the General Synod, in the year 1705, which act is as follows:—

Pacificum.

That such who are to be licens'd to preach the Gospel of Christ, subscribe the Westmr Confession of Faith to be the Confession of their Faith, and promise to adhere to the doctrine, worship, discipline, and Governmt of this Church, as also these who are licens'd and have not

subscrib'd, be oblig'd to subscribe before their being ordain'd among us; which was voted, and unanimously approv'd: which is thus to be understood as now is practis'd by the Presbytries, that if any person call'd upon to subscribe shall scruple any phrase or phrases in the Confession, he shall have leave to use his own expressions, which the Presbytry shall accept of, Providing they judge such a person sound in the Faith, and that such expressions are consistent with the substance of the doctrine; and that such explications shall be inserted in the Presbytry books; and that this be a rule not only in relation to Candidats licens'd by ourselvs, but to all Intrants into the Ministry among us, though they have been licens'd or ordain'd elsewhere. This was voted and approv'd by the Synod, and appointed to be read by every Minister to his Congregation on the Lord's day.

Another Overture from the said Comittee, which is as follows:—

Whereas there may be Controversies started and manag'd unseasonably, and contrary to the Gospel Rules of Charity and Edification, and the publishing and printing such things may gender strife, and do more hurt than good; therefore this Synod earnestly obtests, and recomends to all our members carefully, and with a due regard to our known Principles, to examine all papers they intend to publish, and to act with all caution, as they will be answerable to God and their own Consciences, and as they would avoid division, and promote peace and Christian concord among us, and therefore judge it expedient, and do enjoyn that they consult some of the most judicious of their Brethren, before the publication of any such paper. Which Overture being read, and the Brethren reasoning upon it for some time, it was agreed that we make a Trial of this as a rule for this year, and if the Synod find it necessary at their next Meeting, we may then add further limitations to it. Then the question was put—Approve this Overture or not? and it carry'd by a great majority, approve.

Noe printing by any Brother without consulting Brethren

The Comis-ion

The Minuts of the Comission of this Church met in DunGeñan in October last, pursuant to the Synod's appointment, were read. The Comission took into their cognisance the affairs comitted to them by the Synod, particularly the state of the Fund, and these Minuts gave account that Down Presbytry is twenty pound in arrear to Gallway.

Galway.

Mr Alexand^r Hamilton sets forth the lamentable state of the Congregation of Galway, on account of the deficiency of the Fund, and particularly that he and some other Brethren settled in Frontier Congregations, would be oblig'd to dimit their charge before next Synod.

Down Presbytry was enquir'd, why they did not pay up their arrears to Galway. They answer'd, that it's an old debt which became due before the Fund was under proper regulations, and they know not how to recover the said money. Mr Hamilton desir'd to know what he has to depend upon and expect, that he may accordingly conduct himself. This was referr'd.

Considr the Fund at the next Sederunt

This Synod considering the general deficiencies of the Fund, and that affair is often delay'd till the latter end of the Synod, when many Brethren are gone, and that it is impracticable to lay it under proper regulations, therefore it was now mov'd and agreed to, that the

business of the Fund shall be entred on in the afternoon before any other business; and to ripen this affair, every Presbytry is appointed to meet immediatly after this Sederunt, and state their accounts, and make report to next Sederunt.

Adjourn'd till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning.

This Sederunt concluded with pray^r.

Horâ octava ante merid: Junii 24, 1720. Sess: 6.

After pray^r, *Sederunt qui supra.*

A Comission from Usher's-Key in Dublin, to Mr John Lord, a Member of that Session, and to Mr Wallace, a Member of that Congregation, was read and sustain'd. Mr Craghead desir'd that some Brethren may be joyn'd with the Ministers from Dublin, who may advise and assist the said Comiss^rs to manage what they have to lay before the Synod. Upon Mr Craghead's desire, Mr James Bruce, Mr John Hutcheson, Mr James Kirkpatrick, Mr John Abernethy, Mr James Cobham, Mr James Maccalpin, Mr William Gray, Mr James Reid, and Mr Alexand^r Brown, are to meet in the Vestry of the New Meeting House with the aforesaid Comiss^rs upon their affair, and report their diligence. They Overtur'd as followeth :—

Usher Key.

The Comiss^rs of the Congregation of Usher's-Key in Dublin, having apply'd to us and represented their deplorable circumstances by the death of their Minister, and their disappointment, and having desir'd us to enter into such a concert with the Presbytry of Dublin about their happy settlement in case they should call any Minister from the North, so as they may be settled before our next Synod; we heartily agree to what they desire, and for rendering it effectual, we commit the determination of a Transportation from the North to Usher's Key to a joynt Comittee from this Synod and the Presbytry of Dublin, to meet at Newry, being call'd by the Presbytry of Dublin, with power to the said joint Comittee finally to determine the same.

A joint Comittee from North & South to determine a Transportation when requir'd.

And whereas there may arise a difficulty in issuing this affair by adjusting the relation of any Minister to be transported and settling him, so as either to be dismisst from this Synod and be a fixt Member of the Presbytry of Dublin, or continue related to this Synod,

We remit the power of determining that affair finally to the said joynt Comittee, and instruct and advise them to determine it either way which to them shall appear most expedient for the comfort of the Congregation; and for the preservation of the happy union that there is betwixt North and South, and in case the Presbytry of Dublin shall think fitt at the desire of Usher's Key to write to any Presbytry in the North, and to desire them to send any of their Members to supply Usher's Key, we appoint every such Presbytry to comply with the said request: which Overture being consider'd, was voted and unanimously approv'd.

The Clerk was appointed to give an Extract of this Minut to the Comiss^rs from Usher's Key. The granting of this shall not mar the further Enquiry into Mr Abernethy's conduct as to Usher's Key.

It being mov'd, that the Synod enter on the consideration of Transportations to be laid before this Synod, the Question was put—Whether consider that affair of the Fund or the Transportations now? It carry'd by a great majority, enter upon the Transportations now.

Moville.
Mr Jas Wallace.

The Congregation of Moville did supplicate for the Transportation of Mr James Wallace from Moy-water to Moville. That affair was laid before the Presbytries of Latterkeñy and Straban, which Presbytries referr'd the affair complexly to this Synod. The Refer being read,

From Moville Congregation appear'd Mr William Rankin. His Comission subscrib'd by many hands was read, and the Supplication for the Transportation was read.

Moywater.

A letter from Moy-water, subscrib'd by Mr Andrew Caldwell, James Atkin, and others, desiring that Mr James Wallace, their Minister, may be continu'd with them. It was enquir'd if there be Comissrs from Moy-water here. Latterkeñy Presbytry told us that they gave seasonable advertisement to Moywater to send Comissrs to this Synod.

Mr Wallace transported from Moywater to Moville.

Mr James Wallace, being call'd, was spoken to on the subject. He desir'd that he may be allow'd some Ministers to confer with him. Mr James Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Gray were appointed to go out and converse with him. In the mean time, the Comissr from Moville was askt what maintenance that Congregation will give to a Minister. He answer'd, twenty pounds in the year in money and oats; and that people hope this Synod will order some assistance to them. The Brethren who were appointed to confer with Brother Wallace having return'd, made report that Mr Wallace his circumstances are so deplorable, that he will be oblig'd, if he get not relief, to dimit his Ministry at Moywater. The parties being heard were remov'd. Then it was put to the vote—Whether we will transport Mr James Wallace from Moywater to Moville or not? It was carry'd by a great majority, transport. The parties being call'd, this was intimated to them.

Write to Moywater.

Agreed, that a letter be writ from this Synod to Moywater, assuring them that the Synod will take due care of them, and will endeavor to support them, and replant them with a Gospel Minister so soon as possible.

A Motion was agreed to, that the proportion of the Fund allow'd to Moy-water be thus divided. Moville shall have ten pounds ℔ year, and Moywater Eight pound during their vacancy, and they shall have from the Fund, upon their settlement with a Minister, their former Quota from the Fund. Mr Laird is to write a letter to Moy-water to the said effect.

A Refer from the Presbytry of Augher, upon an affair of the Congregation of Enniskilling, was brought into the Synod by the Comittee of Bills. The Minut of that Presbytry relating thereunto was read, by which it appears that Mr McGachy desires that either the Congregation of Enniskilling do give to him security for his comfortable maintenance ℔ añum, or that his relation thereunto may be loos'd; likewise, the answer of Enniskilling Congregation, importing that they had paid to him, and would secure to him for the future, Thirty two pounds ℔ añum. Upon the whole, that Presbytry desires this Synod's advice

Mr John McGachy.
Eniskilling.

whether Mr McGachy's relation to that Congregation shall be loos'd or not? The Comissrs from Enniskilling added, that, if Mr McGachy be loos'd from that Congregation, they fear that many of their people will be so offended, that they will (it is to be fear'd) desert our Comunion. They also mov'd, that Mr Cherrie, Mr Cobham, Mr Tate, and Mr McQuay, may be allow'd to go out and converse with them, and then they would impart their thoughts more freely. These Brethren went out with them, and having return'd, report that the Comissrs from Eniskilling told them, that if it appear that removing Mr McGachy from Eniskilling to Athey shall be more for the Glory of God and good of the Church, they will submit.

Next Mr McGachy was desir'd to express his opinion of this affair. He set forth that it is plainly impossible for him to subsist in that Congregation upon their Quota, and that his people are so greatly scatter'd, many of them being Eight or Ten miles from the Meeting House, whereby he is not able to labour among them, and discharge the pastoral duties to them.

Mr McGachy desir'd that two Brethren may be allow'd to go out and speak with him, to whom he will more freely tell his mind of that matter. Mr James Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr Choppin went out with him; who, returning, made report that Mr McGachy told them, he has not ability of body to undergo the fatigue of that Charge, and that ev'n suppose his Quota were augmented, he is not able to labour among them, and if his relation to that Congregation be not loos'd, he will be oblig'd to dimit his Charge and leave the Kingdom. It was askt—Whether if the bounds of that Congregation were circumscrib'd within narrower limits, so that his labour might be more tolerable, the distant extrems of that Congregation might be joyn'd to any other Congregation? It was answer'd, that they cannot be añext to any other Congregation. He further mov'd, that his relation to that people may be loos'd, because he is neither able to labour among them, nor are they able to support him. All parties being fully heard, were remov'd.

Mr McGachy's relation is to be loos'd.

The Synod came to consider what advice to give to the Presbytry of Augher in this matter; and having reason'd very deliberately on the same, the Question was put—Whether advise the Presbytry of Augher to loose Mr Gachy's relation to Eniskilling, or not. It carry'd, advise.

Then the Presbytry of Augher propos'd—Whether the Synod will allow them to give him a Testimonial? It was enquir'd, where Mr McGachy had a view of setling. He answer'd, in a place without the bounds of this Synod. The Synod having conferr'd on this, agreed to give to him a Synodical Testimonial.

He gets a Testimonial.

Fund.

The affair of the Fund being resum'd, Mr Henry of Drogheda complain'd that the Synod owes to him One hundred and fifty pounds, of which Sum Belfast Presbytry owes him One hundred and six pounds. A paragraph of a letter from the Presbytry of Dublin, soliciting speedy payment to Mr Henry, was read. This was referr'd. The Presbytry of Belfast made this defense, that there is more applotted on them than they are able to pay, which causes that great arrear on

their part in a great measure. That Presbytry is to meet, and pay what they can before the Synod rise.

The following Overture from the Comittee of Overtures was read in open Synod, and unanimously approv'd.

Catechetic Doctrine to be preacht by the Ministrs of this Synod.

This Synod appoints the Ministers who are Members of this Synod, to preach Catechetick Doctrine, insisting on the great and fundamental Truths of Christianity according to the Westmr Confession of Faith, and Catechisms, founded on the Holy Scriptures, such as the Being and Providence of God, and the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures; the necessary Doctrine of the Ever Blessed Trinity in the Unity of the GodHead, particularly the Eternal Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, as being of the same substance with the Father, and Equal in Power and Glory; and of the satisfaction made to Divine justice, who is only Our Propitiation; of Regeneration by Efficacious Grace; of Free justification by the Righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ receiv'd by Faith alone; of Original Sin; of the Morality of the Sabbath; the Necessity of a holy life in order to the obtaining of Everlastlng Salvation, and such like Important Doctrines.

Straban Presbytry speaks in favour of Badony.

The Matter of the Fund being reconsider'd, a Supplication from Badony was read, setting forth that Mr Alexander McCracken, junr, propos'd to dimit his charge of that Congregation, on account of the deficiencies of the Fund, and earnestly praying that the Synod's promise to Mr McCracken may be made effectual to him. Also a Supplication from the Presbytry of Straban, setting forth the dutifulness of that Congregation to their power, and earnestly praying that what the Synod promist to Badony may be speedily paid, and that the Synod would please to augment their proportion of the Fund, which, if the Synod can't grant, that Presbytry must accept Mr McCracken's dimission, and lay that Congregation vacant. They particularly represent that Derry Presbytry owes to him seventeen pound four shilling.

Agreed, that the Presbytry of Derry be oblig'd to state accounts with Mr McCracken at their first meeting after this Synod, and pay what they owe to him. It was also mov'd and agreed to, that the Quota of the Fund allow'd to Mr McCracken be paid by the Presbytry of Straban. We recomend to that Presbytry, to endeavour to augment his proportion of the Fund as much as they can, provided always that Presbytry shall keep up their proportion of the Fund applotted on them by the Synod, notwithstanding such augmentation.

Assist Mr McCracken, junr.

A Supplication from Stranorler, setting forth great weakness, and not able to pay above nine pound ℔ annum, and praying for an augmentation of the Fund formerly allow'd to that Congregation.

Mr Robert Wilson.

Also, a Supplication from Mr Robert Wilson, Minister in Stranorlan, representing his deplorable circumstances by want of maintenance in that place, and earnestly praying for an augmentation of the Fund. The Synod considering this case, judge it needful to augment their proportion of the Fund; but the Comittee of Overtures not having receiv'd a report from the Comittee of Funds, this referr'd till there be a report from the Comittee of Funds.

A Supplication from Dumfanoghy, holding out their great weakness and inability to support the Gospel, and earnestly praying for an augmentation of the Fund. Dunfanohy.

The Synod, observing many deficiencies in the Fund, do heartily and solemnly recomend to all the Ministers and Sessions within our bounds to use their utmost endeavr to get up their several proportions of the Fund against next Synod.

Mr Plunket complains that the Presbytry of Down owes him Eight pnds for supplying Gallway sixteen Sabbaths. Mr Plunket.

Dundalk complains that the Presbytry of Antrim owes to them forty-five pounds which they cannot obtain. That Prēbry made report that they have about ten or twelve pound in town to pay to Mr Simson of Dundalk. Dundalk.

Ardmagh owes to Dundalk twenty-two pound—some of that money is due four or five years—and knows not well where to fix it. Order'd, that the Presbytry of Ardmagh make particular Enquiry that they may know what Congregations among them owe that money, and use due diligence that the said money be quickly paid. Ardmagh.

Belfast owes to Dundalk thirteen pounds. Order'd, that Belfast speedily pay that money.

Colerain owes to Dundalk Eight pound, and Down owes to Dundalk one pound.

Down Presbytry owes to Antrim Presbytry for Mr Hud's supplying Galway four pounds; and to Mr Fraser Three pounds for supplying Galway An° 1712; and to Mr Alexandr Hamilton at June, 1720, twenty-nine pound thirteen shilling and three pence. Order'd, that Down pay what proportion of the public money they have in town to Galway. Money due to Brethren upon the Fund.

Down owes to Mr Robert Thompson, of Belturbet, Eight pound for supplying Gallway Sixteen Sabbaths. Down owes to Droheda, Eight pound thirteen shillings; and to Mr James Stuart of Dundonald, Seventeen shillings. Down owes to Mr Anderson of Edenderry, for 1715, one pound five shillings; for 1716, one pound; for 1717, one pound; for 1718, one pound; for 1719, two pound ten shillings.

Convoy Presbytry owes to Dundonald for 1714, One pound thirteen shillings and Sixpence. Belfast Presbytry owes to Dundoñald, for 1719, two pound one shilling; for 1720, four pounds.

Order'd, to resume the business of the Fund on Munday.

Adjourn'd till 3 *a meridie* on Munday. Mr Higinbottam if he be in town, is to preach an Irish sermon to morrow. If he go out of Town, Mr Simson is to preach an Irish sermon in this town. Preach in Irish.

Due to Athlone by the General Synod before the particular applottments, by the Presbytry of Colrain, forty-five pound; Seven pound nine shilling for 1718–19; Twenty pounds by order of the General Synod for Mr Dunlop's Charges in the Consistorial Court; formerly appointed to be giv'n to him, fifty pounds. This to be consider'd afterwd. Due to Athlone.

This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Sess: 7a. *Die lunæ hora tertia a merid: Junii* 27, 1720.

After pray^r, *Sederunt.*

Mr Hemphill reports that there is due to CastleBlaney, nine pound nineteen shilling and six pence by Colerain; due to Athlone, nineteen pound; to Mr Plunket, one pound five shilling and three pound ten shill; by Ardmagh for 1716-1717, eleven pound eleven shillings; to Edenderry for 1718, Two pound nine shill:

Mr Samuel McGachy did not pay his proportion of the Fund to the Presbytry of Longford. This to be consider'd afterw^d.

Upon a Motion from Mr John McGachy, Mr Kirkpatrick is ordered to go and confer with Mr Samuel McGachy, who is at present indispos'd, and can't attend the Synod.

Howfoord. Kinaird. A People in Howfoord, añext by the Comission of the Church to Benburb, were appointed to pay their arrears due to Kinnaird, which is not done. Mr James Johnston, of Knappah, is desir'd to use his Interest with that people, to pay what they owe to Kinaird, according to appointment, so that they may get their Certificat; and Kinaird was appointed to apply to Ardmagh Presbytry for some of Ardmagh Congregation to be añext to Kinaird Congregation. That has not been done. This is recomended to the Presbytry of Ardmagh.

Ardmagh.

An Account of the state of the Fund in the Presbytry of Latterkeñy—for the year ending June, 1719, all is paid except one pound five shill: due to Mr Henry—for the year ending June, 1720, there is paid three pound five shillings.

Account of what is due to the members of Latterkeñy Presbytry who are on the Fund; from Straban—to Mr James Cochren for the year ending June, 1719, Two pound; for the year ending June, 1720, Seven pound; to Mr Robert Wilson at June, 1720, Six pound; from Derry's Stated Account, to Mr Sam^ll Henry, June, 1717, four pound ten shill:; from Colerain Presbytry, due to Mr Henry, June, 1720, five pound ten shill:; from the Presbytry of Latterkeñy, June, 1720, Six pound fifteen shillings; to Mr James Wallace, for June, 1719, one pound five shillings; for June, 1720, fifteen pound—both these from the Presbytry of Derry; for June, 1720, from the Presbytry of Belfast, one pound; from Down, fifteen shillings; from Ardmagh, seventeen shillings; from Antrim, fifteen shillings.

Drum. A Supplication from Drum to be put on the public Fund (their circumstances now requiring it by reason of many of their people añext to Coothill), the Synod maturely considering this case, and the state of the Fund, the Fund can't allow them to be put on the Fund, many on it already being ready to Sink. They also propos'd, seeing there was a recomendāon by the Comission to Dublin for assistance to build their Meeting House, that this Synod may concur with the said recomendation in behalf of that people. Agreed, that application be made to the Brethren in Dublin and other Congregations for assistance to that people in building their Meeting House.

Mr Samuel McGachine. Mr Samuel McGachy having apply'd to the aforesaid Comission, either to make Drum a Congregation that may support him, or allow

him to dimit his charge of that people, this was referr'd to the Presbytry of Augher with Correspondents.

The appointment of thirteen pound on the Several Presbytries, as in the Minuts of the Comission of the Church, for defraying the Expense in defending the late suit against Mr Darragh, not being observ'd, Order'd, that the membrs of the Synod of Ardmagh to meet at Dun-Geñan on Second Tuesday of August pay to Mrs Cornwall what is due to her, and what others are behind are to pay it in Belfast to Mr John Young, senr.

The applotment on the Presbytries—On Belfast, 1 : 19 : 0 ; Down, 1 : 10 : 6 ; Antrim, 1 : 13 : 6 ; Ardmagh, 1 : 14 : 0 ; Longford, 0 : 11s : 0 ; Augher, 0 : 19 : 6 ; Tyrone, 0 : 19 : 6 ; Colerain, 1 : 3 : – ; Latterkeñy, 0 : 12 : 0 ; Derry, 1 : 7 : 0 ; Straban, 0 : 15 : 6.

A Supplication from Dundalk to pay up the considerable arrear and assistance to that people in building their Meeting House. It appears that the Charge is true. Ardmagh Presbytry and others who owe, are to pay what they owe as soon as may be ; such deficients cast a reproach on the Synod. For assistance in building their Meeting House, Agreed, that a Circular letter be writ to the several Presbytries to use their Interest with Gentmen and others to assist them in building their Meeting House. Dundalk.

William Anderson an object of Charity, formerly recomended. The Charity expected was not giv'n. He now Supplicates by virtue of the former recomendation. His case is now recomended to the Synod of Belfast. Charity W. Anderson.

The Presbytry of Tyrone reports, that the affair about Mr Dykes and Mahera is issu'd. Mr Dykes is ordain'd there. Mr Dykes ordain'd in Mahera.

Mr Kirkpatrick signify'd, that the Comission of the Church, as appointed, wrot to the Brethren in Dublin about assistance to the Presbytry of Belfast in making up their proportion of the Fund. The Comissrs from Dublin told us they receiv'd that letter and read it, but have not come to a conclusion upon it.

Mr Samuel Ross did signify that it is a matter of deep regrate that there is such a considerable arrear, whereby the Brethren on the Fund are very much straitned. A part of the arrear on Derry Presbytry proceeds from members disañext from e'm, and joyn'd to other Presbytries who would not discount. Order'd, that these members disañext meet when desir'd by that Presbytry, and adjust their accounts.

Down owes in arrear to Galway, £26 : – : –.

Adjourn'd till ten of the Clock to morrow morning.

Interloqr to meet at Eight. This Sederunt concluded with prayr.

Die Martis horâ decima ante merid: Junii 28, 1720. Sess: 8a.

After prayr, *Sederunt.*

The Synod having heard from several Brethren the deplorable condition of the Revrd and Dear Brethren, Mr Robert Wilson and Mr

Mr Robt Wilson, Mr Alexr McCracken, whose circumstances require assistance.

Alexandr McCracken, occasion'd by the poor and narrow circumstances of their Congregāons, whereby they are rendred unable to contribute any thing considerable for their support, and the small yearly allowances made by the General Synod for support of the Gospel in their respective Congregations, the former viz:, Mr Wilson, being One hundred pound in debt without any thing considerable to defray the same, which he was necessitat to contract in the Service of the Gospel, for the unavoidable Support of his family; and the other Brother, Mr McCracken, is reduc'd to very great straits.

This melancholly case of these Brethren being duly consider'd by the Synod, it was agreed, as a proper and just way, in order to their relief, that there be a Collection through the several Congregations within the bounds of this Synod, with previous advertisement, to be manag'd in the mañer following:—Mr Alexr Fleming to collect from Augher Presbytry, Mr James Johnston from Ardmagh, Mr Thomas Keñedy from Tyrone, Mr Victor Ferguson from Strabau, Mr Ross from Derry, Mr Sim from Longford, Mr Dunlop from Latterkeñy, Mr McBride from Colerain, Mr Livingston from Antrim, Mr Kirkpatrick from Belfast, Mr Nevin from Down. This Synod also recōmends this weighty case to our Revd Brethren of the Presbytry of Dublin for their assistance, a letter to be writ to that purpose.

Each Bror bring his proportion of the Fund to next Synod.

Considering how badly our Fund is manag'd, and much time spent in Synod in enquiring after arrears, and where to fix those arrears, Ordered for the future, that every Minister be at pains in getting up what is applotted in his Congregation for that pious use to support weak Congregations, which money is to be brought to next General Synod, and the Synod will apply the said money proportionably to the present quota's of the several Congregations depending on the Fund. The Brother who can't come, is to send his money by the Clerk of his Presbytry or some other brother; also to bring a List of those Congregations on the Fund, with the sum̄s añext thereunto. This was unanimously approv'd.

A Motion was agreed to, that a moving letter be writ by this Synod to Gent̄men of our persuasion within our bounds, desiring their Subscription as a Fund for the support of our weak Congregāons, and the said subscriptions to be sent to next Synod. Mr Craghead is to write this letter, which, when approv'd, is to be subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk. The letter was read, approv'd, and is as follows:—

Dearly Beloved,

A moving letter to Gent̄men and othrs of our persuasion, in behalf of Ministers straitned by the deficiency of the Fund.

You cannot be Ignorant of the deplorable circumstances that many of our Brethren are in, and how exceedingly deficient that fund which was design'd for their support has prov'd, in so much, that to some scarce can a third part of what was promist be obtain'd. Many of our Congregations who us'd to contribute, are not now in a condition to maintain their own Minister, and far less give any thing for the relief of others. It is melancholly to hear that many of our Brethren are wanting ev'n the necessaries of life; others are forc'd to lay down their charge; and others to transport themselvs to America. The Credit

of the Synod sinks from an inability to perform what they promist; and notwithstanding all the pains that have been taken time after time to get this remedy'd, it grows every year worse and worse.

Now, the Synod having taken this matter into their serious consideration, and having duely weigh'd all expedients which have been propos'd to them, have at length unanimously resolv'd to make application to our Gentlemen and others to whom God hath giv'n ability, that they would honour Him with a part of their substance that He hath granted to them, and by their contributions make up a Fund which by the Blessing of God may more certainly and effectually relieve our indigent Brethren, and continue a Gospel ministry amongst us.

We persuade ourselvs, that none who wish well to the Interest and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will refuse to give a helping hand to such a good and necessary work, and we strictly enjoyn and recomend to all the Presbytries to use their utmost diligence in this affair. As soon as the minuts are transmitted to them, let each Minister take a Copy of this, and either by himself or in conjunction with some other of his Brethren, shew it to such under his care as he judges most able to contribute; and at the same, each in the most earnest maner, as they regard the support of the Gospel and the welfare and Edification of precious souls, and as they will be answerable to the Lord Jesus Christ for letting His Interest sink when He has put it in their power to do so much to uphold and maintain it, to press them, we say, in the most strenuous maner, to give according to their ability.

And to render this the more effectual, We appoint the undernamed persons to take the subscriptions in each Presbytry, that they may be laid before the next General Synod, vizt—Mr James Bruce for Down, Mr Kirkpatrick for Belfast, Mr Abernethy for Antrim, Mr Higinbotham for Colerain, Mr Ross for Derry, Mr Dunlop for Latterkenny, Mr Ferguson for Straban, Mr Thomas Kenedy for Tyrone, Mr Umphry Thompson for Augher, Mr Tate for Longford, Mr Lang for Ardmagh.

Pay to Mr Dunlop, of Athlone.

It being mov'd, that Mr Dunlop of Athlone was order'd some time agoe, that he should be refunded fifty pounds which he expended in maintaining of what is our comon concern, and he has not receiv'd it, Agreed, that the several Presbytries applot said money according to the Key of the Fund, which being applotted is as follows:—

Belfast, £7 : 10 : 4; Down, 5 : 18 : 2; Antrim, 6 : 6 : 2; Ardmagh, 6 : 10 : 2; Longford, 2 : 2 : 2; Augher, 3 : 14 : 2; Tyrone, 3 : 12 : 2; Straban, 2 : 18 : 2; Colerain, 4 : 4 : 2; Latterkeny, 2 : 6 : 2; Derry, 5 : 0 : 2.

Mr Patk Orr, Clogh.

The appointment of last Synod, that the Presbytry of Colerain, with Correspondents, should meet and examine a matter wherein Mr Patrick Orr of Clogh is concern'd—he found fault with the applotment of the public Fund, and expresst himself indiscreetly to the disrepute of Ministers and Synod. That Prebry, with Correspondents, met, but not so fully, and so did not succeed for removing that which is so uneasy to Ministers and serious Christians.

A Comittee to go thithr on that affair.

Agreed, that a Comittee go thither. In the mean time a letter to be writ by Mr Iredell and Mr Craghead to such who may have influ-

ence on Mr Orr, that he may come to a sense of his duty. The Members of this Comittee are—Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Thomb, Mr Crooks, Mr Leech, Mr Abernethy, Mr Shaw, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Wirling, Ministers, with Mr Fraser, Mr Stirling and Mr Cuñingham, with these Eldrs—Mr John Shaw, Mr John Boyd, Mr Thomas Hunter, Mr McCleiry; seven whereof to be a Quorum, whereof five to be Ministers; to meet at Clogh on the first Wednesday of August. The Presbytry of Colerain to attend and give what light in the affair they can. Mr Higinbotham is to advertise the Brethren of that Presbytry that are absent. Mr Thomas Shaw to advertise Mr Orr.

Agreed, that the affair relating to Mr Abernethy and Usher's Key be consider'd, and that a healing Overture be laid before us for preserving our peace and authority of the Synod.

Mr McCracken.

The Overture relating to Mr McCracken was read, with reference to his desire, Sess: 3, that these Brethren who were present when the letter was writ by some Ministers, met in Antrim, Feb:, 1708, to the General Assembly, in favor of Mr McCracken and his people in Lisburn, do witness the same when desir'd by Mr McCracken—the Brethren then present and now here, vizt—Mr James Bruce, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr Abernethy, Mr Craford. Mr McCracken renew'd his desire that the business betwixt Daniel Kinly and him may be resum'd: having spent much time in hearing Mr McCracken and Daniel Kinly, the Minut of last Synod on that subject being read, parties were remov'd. It was concluded by a very great majority to drop that affair, it having been discusst by two Synods. The parties being call'd in, this was intimated to them.

Danll Kinly.

The Minut relating to Usher's Key and Mr Abernethy was read, and the reasons of the Presbytry of Antrim for their protesting against their being excluded by last Synod; also reasons for their Protest against the Synod's resolutions relating to Mr Abernethy, his going to Usher's Key, were read.

Agreed, that a Comittee be appointed to frame an Overture that may be healing, and for preserving our comely order, and lay the same before this Synod. The members of that Comittee are—Mr Gawdy, Mr Jo: Hutcheson, Mr Craghead, Mr Kirkpatrick, Mr James Bruce, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr James Cobham, with the Ministers from Dublin.

This Comittee to meet at four in the afternoon, and Synod at five.

This Session conclnded with prayer.

Sess: 9.

Die Martis hora quinta a merid: Junii 28*th*, 1720.

After prayr, *Sederunt.*

The Comittee appointed to draw the Overture relating to Mr Abernethy laid it before the Synod, which, being twice read, and being voted—Approve or not? it carry'd by a great majority, approve, and is as follows:—

The Synod having read all the Minuts of last Synod concerning the Transportation of Mr Abernethy to Usher's Key, and finding that Mr

Abernethy was appointed to supply that Congregation for Eight moneths, and to be allow'd to re-settle in the North in case the Presbytry of Dublin should allow him to do it, and understanding that he did not supply that Congregation according to appointment—Mr Abernethy offer'd his reasons why he did not comply, and the Correspondents from the Presbytry of Dublin having produc'd a letter from their Presbytry wherein they fully excuse him from the said supply, and allow him to re-settle in the North; and considering that Usher's Key have quit their Interest in Mr Abernethy, and that upon these considerations it's impracticable that he should now settle in Usher's Key, this Synod, considering further that the Presbytry of Dublin is not subject to this Synod, and that their excusing Mr Abernethy is not therefore cognisable by this Synod, their judgment being form'd after correspondence with him by letter, and offering him all the light he could have got had he gone to Dublin, and being founded on a regard to his Consciencs as they inform us, approving the charitable motive on which the said resolution is founded, and do think it against edification to come to any debates which may create any misunderstanding betwixt our Revd Brethren in Dublin and us; and therefore at their request we allow our Brothr Abernethy to settle again amongst us, and declare that this allowance is consistent with the Resolutions we had taken in our last Synod; and thô we are of opinion that Mr Abernethy ought to have gone to Dublin according to appointment, and was faulty in not doing so, yet as the matter is now circumstantiated we can't proceed to any further resolutions concerning it than that we do acquiesce in the conclusion and resolution of the Presbytry of Dublin have come to in this affair, and approve the charitable motive upon which the said resolution and conclusion was founded.

Mr Abernethy did not go to Usher Key.

At the instance of Presbytry of Dublin he is allow'd to re-settle in the North, thô he was faulty in not going according to apptmt of the Synod.

It was propos'd, whether we shall rase all these Minuts in that affair out of our record or continue them? It carry'd, continue. Order'd that the Protestation by the Presbytry of Antrim, with the reasons thereof, which were now read, be inserted into our Minuts.

All the appointed supplies by the late Synod to the old Congregation of Belfast were observ'd by the persons then nam'd, or others sent by their Presbytries, except by Mr Gray. Mr Ross reports that Mr Gray had not giv'n his Presbytry that seasonable advertisment so as to send one in his room. By the report Mr Gray is excus'd for not supplying. The Presbytry of Derry is exhorted to be more punctual for the future.

Minrs did supply the old Congregation of Belfast.

Knock.—Down reports that they had been at due diligence to disañex two Town-lands from Comber Congregāon would not acquiesce. It's recoṁended to Down Presbytry to make the Synod's former appointment effectual.

Knock.

The share of Mr McAlpin's being 1 : 10 : 0 is to be paid to Mr Anderson. Mr MontGomery to pay 1 : 0 : 0, as part of his fund due at this June, to Mr Simpson of Dundalk.

The Applottment of the Fund for last year was read.

Mr Alexandr Brown, Mr McKay, Mr Baptist Boyd, Mr Patrick Bruce are to make the applotment of the Fund for the ensueing year.

Fund.

Edenderry receiv'd from Antrim, 4 : 3 : 6 ; from Down, 5 : 0 : 0 ; Antrim paid to Mr Simson, 12 : – : – ; Ardmagh paid to VeniCash, 5 : – : 0 ; they yet owe 12 : – : –.

Ahadowy.

The appointment relating to Ahadowy has not been fully observ'd. That affair is referr'd to the Presbytry of Colerain to make the Synod's act effectual.

Down to anex some Towns to Kirkdonll.

The Minut appointing Down Presbytry to añex some Towns belonging to the numerous Congregations adjacent to Kirkdoñell, that Mr Stuart Minister of Kirkdoñell may be taken off the Fund, was read. That Presbytry told us that affair is not yet concluded, but hope it will soon be issu'd. They desir'd Correspoñdts from Belfast Presbytry to assist them, which was granted. The Brethren are to lay before us at next Sederunt a Scheme of our Fund for the ensueing year, keeping to the former applottment.

The Synod adjourn'd till eight of the Clock to morrow morning, and concluded this Sederunt with prayr.

Sess: 10a.

Die Mercur: horâ 8va *ante merid:, Junii* 29*th*, 1720.

After prayr, *Sederunt.*

AhmaCart.

A Petition from Ahmacart desiring (all the circumstances of their Minister, Mr Rutherford, being consider'd) that he may be in an orderly way joyn'd to the Presbytry of Munster, which may be a good mean to continue the Gospel in that Congregation. A letter from the Presbytry of Munster expressing their satisfaction that Mr Rutherford be joyn'd to that Presbytry, was read. Mr Rutherford being heard, was remov'd. This affair being duly consider'd, the petition was granted and Testimonials allow'd to him.

Irish.

A Supplication of the Highlanders and Irish Papists who attend the preaching of the Gospel in Irish in and about the City of Dublin, was read ; a paragraph of the letter from Dublin Presbytry on that head before as also now. The Supplication sets forth that there is a prospect of winning souls there, which Mr McQuay and Mr Craghead confirm as a matter very hopeful. This to be consider'd afterwards.

Charity to John Campbell.

A Petition from John Campbell being read, sets forth his loss to be above seventy pound, by which he is greatly reduc'd, and now is an object of our Charity. The Petitioner being remov'd, brethren who are acquaint with him, give him a good Character.

Order'd, that the several Presbytries give him Charity, to be paid in the mañer following—Mr Eldar to collect from Down Presbytry, Mr Cobham from Belfast, Mr Brown from Antrim, Mr Ross from Derry, Mr Higginbotham from Colerain, Mr Doñaldson from Straban, Mr Wilson from Latterkeñy.

Mr Saml McGachy.

Mr Kirkpatrick (as appointed) conferr'd with Mr Samuel McGachy, and made the following report :—That Brother McGachy told him that his present difficulties proceed from an order of the Synod to erect a Congregation at Coothill ; that he has but now the promise of Twenty pound ℔ añum, whereof there is not above fourteen pound good payment ;

that he is willing to reverence the Providence of God, and cast himself on the care of the Synod, who (he believs) is oblig'd to support him; and that the Comission of the Church had recomended his case to Dublin, which has not turn'd to any account. He believs an order from this Synod, confirming what the Comission desir'd, may be more effectual.

The Brethren spake on the subject, and remitted the affair to the Presbytry of Longford, with Correspondents, who are to do as they see cause. In the mean time, it's recomended to the several Presbytries, that each Minister pay him one shilling sixpence at next Synod, which money they are to bring with them.

Send our Minuts by Expresse.

Whereas, some Copies of our Synod Minuts have been miscarry'd, to prevent which for the future, Agreed, that the Clerk of the Synod send by Express a Copy of our Minuts to each Presbytry at the Presbytrie's charge. The Brother who receivs a Copy is to signify to our Clerk the receit of the Minuts.

At a General Synod met in Belfast, June 21, 1720.

Mr Haliday tables his complaint before the Synod.

The Reverend Mr Samuel Haliday, Chaplain to the Honrble Conll Anstruther's Regiment of Foot, represented to this Synod the great injury done to him by a public fame, industriously propagated to the blackening of his Character, and endangering his usefulness in the work of the Ministry—the report that he is an Arian and an enemy to all Church Governmt; that the Presbytry of Belfast had, from a tender regard to him, acquainted him whilst he was in London with these reports, and sent him the Copy of a letter written by Mr Samuel Dunlop, Minister at Athlone, to one of their members, from which letter and other Evidence now to be produc'd, he apprehends that the same Mr Dunlop gave occasion for all the scandal propagated against him on these heads; that he, the said Mr Haliday, to the great detriment of his affairs and impareing of his health, has come from London to demonstrate the injustice of these Calumnies and vile aspersions before us, and therefore humbly demanded that this Synod would hear the whole cause and do him justice.

The Synod allows the whole case to be heard.

This Synod having consider'd the desire, thought themselvs oblig'd, in justice and from a due regard to such a worthy Brother, to enter into an impartial and strict enquiry into this whole affair, which was manag'd in the following maner:—

Thomas Parker.

A letter from Thomas Parker, in Dunmurry, to John Young, junr, mercht in Belfast, was read first, wherein said Thomas Parker affirms that Mr Dunlop, of Athlone, had told him, the said Parker, that he had been in London, and that Mr Haliday had joyn'd in the Arian Principle, and that he, the said Mr Dunlop, had desir'd him, the said Thomas Parker, to inform any people that design'd to be concern'd with Mr Haliday of this matter. Mr Kirkpatrick inform'd this Synod that the said letter was comunicated to many in Belfast, a few days after the Old Congregation had subscrib'd a Call to Mr Haliday, and that the minds of many were greatly disquieted by it; upon which he, upon a Conference with the Session of the Old Congregation of Belfast, wrot to Mr Dunlop, and

sent him a Copy of Thomas Parker's letter, desiring him to inform the people of what he knows in that matter. Mr Dunlop acknowledg'd his receit of Mr Kirkpatrick's letter which was now read in the Synod, and Mr Dunlop's answer to Mr Kirkpatrick was also read, wherein Mr Dunlop affirms that Mr Haliday joyn'd the Arian Party, and explains himself that he means the Non-Subscribers in London, whom he alleages to be generally suspected of Arianism, and affirms that Mr Haliday's conduct was resented by many pious and orthodox Ministers in London, and further affirms that Mr Haliday did in a private discourse with himself strenuously militate against all Church Goverment.

Mr Sam: Dunlop.

Mr Haliday's letter to the Preb: of Belft.

Then Mr Haliday's letter from London to the Presbytry of Belfast was read, wherein he vindicates himself from the charge of Arianism, and from being an Enemy to all Church Government, and represents his conduct at Salter's Hall, affirming that he joyn'd with neither of the parties as being a stranger in the place, and setting forth at the same time his full declaration of his Orthodoxy against Arianism, and that he had frankly declar'd his opinion on that head, and he dos in that letter desire that Mr Dunlop may name those Eminent Ministers in London who resented his conduct, and farther declares his approbation of Presbyterian Goverment.

Letter fm Belft Preb: to Mr Dunlop.

Next, the letter of the Presbytry of Belfast to Mr Dunlop was read, wherein they set forth their desire to know what he had further to say against Mr Haliday, that they might acquaint Mr Haliday with it before he leave London, in order to his preparing his defenses; and that, for preparing Mr Dunlop for offering all he could, they sent to him a Copy of Mr Haliday's letter, which was attested, and a Copy of a letter from eight Ministers of London, acquitting Mr Haliday of Arianism, and expressing their high esteem of him, as a person from whose happy settlement among us, by the Blessing of God, we might expect great comfort: the original letter was read before us, and was subscrib'd by the Revd Dr Calamy, Mr Raynolds, Mr Robison, Mr Evans, Mr Smith, Mr Tong, Mr Hunt, Mr Wright.

Letter fm London Ministers in Mr Haliday's favour.

Then the Synod examin'd several of the Brethren call'd upon, at Mr Haliday's instance, to prove that this public fame, so injurious to his reputation, was occasion'd by what Mr Dunlop had said and writ against him. Then Mr Dunlop himself was examin'd as an evidence adduc'd by the Presbytry of Belfast, before whom this affair had been depending for some time, and who had left it to the decision of the General Synod. Mr Dunlop was interrogated, as he shall answer God at the great day of judgment, what he knew of Mr Haliday that would prove him an Arian. Answer'd, that he knew nothing but what he affirm'd in the aforesaid letter to Mr Kirkpatrick; and he being further interrogate who these Eminent Ministrs of London are, to whom Mr Haliday's conduct was so offensive, he nam'd Mr McClatchy, but could not condescend upon any other, but affirms that Mr McClatchy told him that Mr Haliday's conduct was offensive. Mr Haliday made remarks upon the insufficiency of his evidence, and represented a conference betwixt Mr McClatchy and himself, wherein Mr McClatchy had solemnly declar'd, that he had never spoken a disrespectul word of Mr Haliday, and further added that Mr Dunlop was very unkind in not naming Mr McClatchy before he

Mr Dunlop, as an Evidence adduc'd by Belfast Prebry, is examin'd.

Mr Haliday remarks on the Evidence.

left London, thô he had been call'd upon to do it, both by the Presbytry of Belfast and himself, and that Mr Dunlop had own'd Mr Haliday's declarations to be genuine and satisfactory, and gave him reason to believe he would not say any thing against them.

The Hon̄rble Conll Upton gave account of Mr Haliday's conduct at Salter's Hall, which perfectly agreed with Mr Haliday's own account of it in his letter. Mr Haliday added as Evidence for himself the resolution of the subscribers at Londn, as vindicating their Brethren from all suspicion of Heterodoxy, to demonstrate the falshood of the allegation against him in joyning the Arian party whilst they were met; and had they been he would not joyn them, neither did he joyn them, and therefore could not be chargeable with any of their opinions.

Conll Upton's Evidence for Mr Haliday.

Mr Haliday observ'd that Mr Dunlop and all who had propagated this Scandal had noe refuge to shelter themselvs under, but that of denying that they ever charg'd him with Arianism.

The other Branch of Mr Dunlop's charge against Mr Haliday, to wit, his militating strenuously against all Church Goverment, was enquir'd into. Mr Dunlop being the only witness that could be found to support that charge, said that in a private conference with Mr Haliday, he said Mr Haliday did reflect upon the Governt of the Church of Scotland; but this Mr Haliday utterly deny'd, and spake with great Veneration of the Goverment of that Church. He also observ'd, if all Mr Dunlop said had been true, it would not infer him to be an Enemy to all Church Goverment, and Mr Haliday adduc'd as an Evidence in this cause, the Honble Conll Ferguson and Dr Ferguson, who both solemnly affirm, that Mr Haliday had, in a private Conversation with them, long before this matter between Mr Dunlop and him happen'd, had signify'd an hearty approbation of the Presbyterian Governt, and particularly of the Church of Scotland. When Mr Haliday had finish'd his defenses, he withdrew, and also Mr Dunlop. The Synod maturely consider'd the whole matter, and came unanimously to the following resolutions:—

Mr Haliday makes defense agt another branch of Mr Dunlop's charge, that he is Enemy to all Church governt.

Resolv'd, that the Revrd Mr Samuel Haliday has sufficiently clear'd his Innocency, and fully vindicated himself from the aspersions of Arianism, and militating against all Church Goverment, to the great satisfaction of this Synod.

The Synod duely considered the whole, & agreed as follows.

Resolv'd, that Mr Dunlop be rebukt for his rash and imprudent behaviour in this affair.

Resolv'd, that the Revrd Mr James Bruce be appointed to preach in the Old Congregāon of Belfast next Lord's day, and shall, after sermon, read our Minut on this affair to the said Congregation for Mr Haliday's Vindication, and deliver proper exhortations to that people, in order to their doing justice to Mr Haliday's Character, and pressing their Charity toward him. Mr Haliday and Mr Dunlop being call'd in, this sentence was intimate to them, and the Modr in our name congratulated Mr Haliday on this occasion, which affords them so much matter of Thanks to God, and rebukt Mr Dunlop according to our appointmt. Mr Haliday thankt this Synod for the justice they had done to him, and expresst his Charity in forgiving Mr Dunlop the wrongs and injuries he had done him.

Mr Haliday acquit.

Mr Dunlop rebuk'd.

Applotmt of the Fund.

Applottment of the Fund, June 29, 1720 :—

Belfast,	£38 : 0 : 0 to Moywater 15 sh:	to Kirkdoñell 4 : – : –, to Moyra 5 : – : –, to Droheda 21 : – : –, to Dundalk 8 : – : –
Down,	£29 : 10 : 0 Moywater 15 sh:	to Dundalk 3 : 10 : –, to Galway 18 : – : –, to Droheda 8 : – : –
Antrim,	£30 : 10 : 0 Moywater 15 sh:	to Dunean 5 : – : –, to Dundalk 17 : 10 : –, to Edenderry 5 : 10 : –, to Turbet 0 : 10 : 0, to Stranorl[n] 2 : – : –
Ardmagh,	£32 : 10 : 0 Moywater 15 sh:	to VeniCash 9 : – : –, to Edenderry 3 : 10 : –, to Lurgan 15 : – : –, to Drogheda 5 : – : –
Longford,	£10 : 10 : 0	to Turbet 5 : 10 : –, to Athlone 5 : – : –
Augher,	£18 : 0 : 0	to CastleBlany 11 : – : –, to Golan 4 : – : –, to Turbet 3 : – : –
Tyrone,	£18 : 0 : 0	to LoghGall 12 : – : –, to Edenderry 3 : 10 : –, to Turbet 2 : 10 : –
Straban,	£14 : 10 : 0	to Stranorlan 6 : – : –, to Badony 7 : 10 : –, to Clandivadock 1 : – : –
Colrain,	£21 : 0 : 0	to Athlone 5 : – : –, to Slego 5 : 10 : –, to Turbet 7 : – : –
Latterkeñy,	£11 : 10 : 0	to Turbet 1 : 10 : –, to Dunfanohy 0 : 10 : 0, to Slego 9 : 10 : 0.
Derry,	£25 : 0 : 0	to Glendivadock 4 : – : –, to Dunfanohy 6 : – : –, to Moville 10 : – : –, to Moy-water 5 : 0 : 0.
Lisburn,	£4 : 0 : 0	to Droheda 1 : 0 : 0, to Dunfanohy 1 : – : –, to Gallway 2 : 0 : 0.
	252 : 10 : 0	
Moywat[r]	3 : 0 : 0	
	255 : 10 : 0	

Another Paragraph in the letter from Dublin, representing the doleful Effects of Division among Minist[rs] in a Neighbour Kingdom, and recomēnding peace to us, as these Rev[r]nd Brethren have that much at heart. So have we in this Synod, and to evidence our deep concern, Agreed to write a letter with all due respect to the worthy Brethren in London, earnestly entreating that all Endeav[rs] may be us'd for a good understanding among themselvs, which will greatly contribute to the peace of the Church of Christ.

M[r] Kirkpatrick, M[r] Abernethy, M[r] Choppin, M[r] Thomas Orr were appointed to frame this letter, which is as foll[s] :—

Rev[d] and D[r] Brethren,

The General Synod of Dissenting Ministers in the North of Ireland now assembled at Belfast, with Correspondents from the Rev[rd] Presbytries of Dublin and the South, have found themselvs oblig'd to take into

their most serious consideration those lamentable differences which have of late happned among Protestants, especially of our denomination. Indeed the same spirit of jealousy and division which has so lately prevail'd in other Churches had begun to move among ourselvs, and we, not under the apprehension of such a breach as would have been the subject of our Enemies insulting Triumphs, and the deepest regret of all who wish well to the Honour and Interest of Pure Religion, but by the good Hand of God on us, our fears are hitherto prevented, and we have fall'n into such peaceful measures as we hope will strengthen and perpetuate our good agreement.

As we are very well assur'd this account will be acceptable to you, whose extensive Charity interests you in the peace and prosperity of Churches more distant than ours, so the anxiety we felt from that dismal scene which was ready to open here, have giv'n us a very sensible share in the Griefs which must fill the hearts of our worthy Brethren in London, where dissensions have already giv'n so deep a wound to the cause of Non-Conformity, and we are like without a timely remedy ready to extinguish that Charity and Piety, which till now have flourisht so eminently among you, and in a very distinguishing mañer shew'd those glorious scriptural foundations of peace.

A Letter to the Ministers of London.

Permit us therefore, our much esteemed Brethren, to express our sincere concern that your endeavrs hitherto for restoring concord have been in so great measure unsuccessful; and our hearts' desire is that you may be encourag'd to an unweary'd diligence in using that great Interest which we are persuaded you have with the contending parties, at length to lay aside their animosities and return to Brotherly love and peace.

It is perfectly needless for us to use any Arguments with persons of such superior understanding and Piety as you are known to be; but it is amazing to us (who find ourselvs in a comfortable situation intirely to be out of the strife, and not warm'd with the zeal of a Party) that all our fellow servants of the Holy and meek Jesus have not long agoe run into these pacific methods which the Comon Interest of Dissentrs, the Edification of their flocks, and above all, the Honour of our Comon Lord, so visibly call them to. It is so much the more to be hop'd that Charitable Councils will take place, because with great satisfaction we have receiv'd assurance that our Dear Brn speak the same things, and that there are noe divisions among them about any Important Points of Doctrine, but only about prudential methods and matters of an Inferior nature, concerning which difference of judgment ought not, we do not say to destroy, but ev'n in any degree to lessen, Charity.

We can't at this distance propose the proper healing expedients, which we still hope yor wisdom and moderation, by the Blessing of God will direct you to. In general it would seem that frequent and free converses of Brethren of the opposite sides, especially the most judicious and peaceable of both, would prepare the way for a happy universal union; and it would very much contribute to the great and good design, if every particular person would conduct himself by the same maxim which we're inform'd rules in the generality of both parties, and has been expresst in some of their public concerts, that is, not to entertain

or vent jealousies or suspicions concerning those who differ from them in things which are not the avow'd subject of the debate. Why should there be Insinuations of Heterodoxy on the one part, or a design'd opposition to Christian Liberty on the other part, when these charges are openly disclaim'd by both. For ourselvs, we're resolv'd not to medle with the controversy, nor is this letter the fruit of any correspondence with our Brethren of either side; and we believe they will approve our taking noe part in their debates. The only motives to our interposing so far as we have done, are an unfained regard to the peace of our fellow-Christians, whose faith and love have been every where spoken of, and to the Glory of God and of our Great Redeemer, whose will is that His Servants should be one. That the God of Peace may give you peace at all times, and by all means, is the Earnest pray^r of——

Post Script.

We take this opportunity of acquainting you (as a particular instance of the Evil of jealousies and spreading false reports), that our Revd Brother, Mr Samuel Haliday, who is well known to you, and who has serv'd our Interest with great fidelity and zeal, has been traduc'd here as an Arian, and that by our open way of trying such matt^rs we have been able to do him justice; for in a large assembly he has been acquitted without one dissenting voice, to the universal satisfaction of many Christians who were offended by the report, and now we have the comfortable prospect of his settling among us. Mr Haliday objected against the last words of the Postscript of the above letter, because he had not yet come to a resolution about the Call of the Old Congregation of Belfast; and added, that thô he had been honourably and fully acquitted by this Synod of what had been laid to his Charge, yet he did not know but this Synod might have some other objection against his settlement in the said Congregation, and beg'd they might now acquaint him with it, if they had any, and assur'd them he would not settle there if it were disagreeable to them; and then he withdrew. No objection was mov'd by any memb^r, and diverse spake their mind and judgment on the contrary, encouraging Mr Haliday to accept of the said Call, to which this Synod agreed. He being call'd in, this was intimated to him.

This letter being read in open Synod, was approv'd. It is to be comunicated to—

Josh: Oldfield, D.D.	Mr Robison.
Edm: Calamy, D.D.	Mr Evans.
Mr Tong.	Mr Reynolds.
Mr Mayo.	Mr Wright.
Mr Barker.	Mr Grosvenor.
	Mr Brown.

The Synod resum'd what relates to the Irish.

Mr Higinbotham, Mr Dunlop, Mr Simpson preach'd (according to appointment) in Irish to the Highlanders and Irish in and about Dublin.

Irish.

The Society for preparing what is necessary for the preaching in Irish have provided a comodious place for these preachings. It's hopt a door may be open'd there for the conversion of souls. The Society corresponded with the Gen^ll Comittee on that affair.

It was enquir'd if the Irish Societies in the North met? Mr Higinbotham made report that they did not meet, for Mr McGrigor is gone to America, Mr Higinbotham went to Dublin, and Mr Dunlop was preparing for his going in his course to Dublin.

This Synod recomends to these who have the Irish Tongue, to improve themselvs therein, which was expressly enjoyn'd some time agoe.

Order'd, that Mr Simpson, Mr Higinbotham, and Mr Dunlop go to Dublin and preach in Irish to the Highlanders and Irish—this to be done on the desire of the Presbytry of Dublin. The Brother who goes, his Presbytry is to supply his Congregation with Ministers during his absence, and get assistance of neighboring Presbytries. If a Minister be appointed to supply, and can't go, a Probationr is to go at the Charge of the Presbytry.

Mr Higinbotham, Mr Simson, and Mr Dunlop are to go as aforesaid. Mr Higinbotham is to go to Dublin and preach in Irish for the space of three moneths. For supplying his Congregation during his absence, Antrim, Tyrone, and Colerain Presbytries shall supply, that is to say—Mr Boyd, Mr McBride, Mr Knox, Mr Neil, Mr Thompson, all of Colerain Presbytry, shall supply Colerain Congregation for the first moneth or five Sabbaths. To supply Colerain in Mr Higinbotham's absence.

From Tyrone—Mr Crooks, Mr Dykes, Mr Thomas Keñedy, Mr Thomb to supply the second moneth.

From Antrim—Mr Shaw, Mr Henderson, Mr Abernethy, Mr Leech to supply the third moneth. The moneths are August, Septemr, October.

To Supply Mr Dunlop who is now preaching in Dublin, where he is to continue a moneth, his supplies are—from Latterkeñy, Mr Robert Wilson on first Sabbath, Mr Ferly on the second, Mr Vans on the third, Mr Laird on the fourth. This for the moneth of July. Mr Wilson is to advertise all these Brethren of the appointments. To supply Mr Dunlop.

To Supply Mr Simpson—From Ardmagh, Mr Rainey to supply Dundalk on first Sabbath of Novemr, Mr Gordon on the second, Mr Johnston on the the third, Mr Lang on the fourth, Mr Gilbert Keñedy on the fifth. From Belfast—Mr Seton on first Sabbath of Decemr, Mr Harper on the second, Mr Patrick Bruce on the third, Mr Wirling on the fourth. From Down—Mr James Orr to stay the whole moneth of Jañry. Mr Hugh Ramsey is to exchange the fourth Sabbath with Mr Orr. If any of these persons can't go, the Presbytry, being seasonably appris'd, is to send one to supply in his room. To supply Mr Simpson.

In case the Presbytry of Dublin see it necessary to have more supplies than what is here specify'd, Derry, Latterkeñy, Straban shall supply Mr Dunlop for three moneths; Latterkeñy to begin, Straban next, Derry last. They are to name their supplies upon the receit of the Minuts of the Synod.

The Comittee for the Irish at Dublin, which was appointed by last Synod, is continu'd.

Then we proceeded to fraternal Censures during the several Sederunts of this Synod.

Down Presbytry were remov'd. Their conduct during this Synod was approv'd. Being call'd in this was intimate to them.

Fraternal Censures.

Antrim Presbytry remov'd. Their conduct was approv'd.

Belfast Presbytry remov'd. Their conduct was approv'd.

Tyrone, but one present. He was approv'd.

Straban remov'd. Their conduct was approv'd.

Longford, none present.

Augher remov'd. Their conduct was approv'd.

Derry, none present but Mr Ross. He was approv'd.

Ardmagh remov'd. Their conduct was approv'd.

Colerain, Latterkeny, none present. The Moderator and Clerk having remov'd, they were approv'd. The Moderator got thanks for his good service done to this Synod.

The Brethren appointed to consider Mr McCracken's desire, among other things that he get a Certificat, the other things he propos'd were answer'd. See Sess: The Certificat is as follows, and was subscrib'd by Moderator and Clerk.

Certificat to Mr McCrackan.

The Gen: Synod met in Belfast do hereby certify that our Revd Bro:, Mr Alexr McCracken, of Lisburn, is in our opinion a man of sincere piety and Probity, and always was and is lookt upon as such among us, and we do not believe that he had any design of wronging or defrauding any of their just right.

This Synod concluded with prayr.

Interloquitur 1.

Mr Kirkpatrick wrot the appointed letter to Lord Blaney.

A Comittee recomended Mr Haliday to Bt.

The Comittee of the Synod that was appointed to concert with the Presbytry of Belfast, about planting the Old Congregation of Belfast, obey'd the appointment, and agreed to recomend Mr Samuel Haliday junr.

Pat: Campbell.

The appointment of the Interloqr of last Synod, with reference to Mr Patrick Campbell, of Dublin. The several Presbytries were appointed to report their diligence. Some have collected and transmitted their money; others have not done it.

Order'd, that a distinct account of this be giv'n by the Presbytries at next Sederuut, at which time Mr Craghead is to give a full account of Mr Campbell's case.

Directory for Discipline.

The last Interloqr appointed the Directory for Discipline to be laid before the Comission of the Church, which was appointed to meet at DunGennan, who were to consider the expedient time of transmitting the same to the Presbytries This was not done.

It was now agreed that that Directory, a great part whereof was read to us formerly, be transmitted to the several Presbytries. Mr Kirkpatrick is to give it to the Clerk within two moneths, and the Clerk is to transcribe the same within two moneths more. When the are transcrib'd, the Clerk is to lodge them with Mr Brice Blair, of Belfast, directed to Mr Dunlop for Longford Presbytry, to Mr Thomas Keñedy for Tyrone, to Mr Baptist Boyd for Augher, to Mr McBride for Colerain, to Mr Brown for Antrim, to Mr Thomas Orr from Down, to Mr Lang for Ardmagh, to Mr Ross for Derry, to Mr Victor Ferguson for Straban, to Mr James Cobham for Belfast, to Mr Laird for Latterkenny; every of these Brethren ordering Twenty Shillings in behalf of their Presbytry for the Clerking as was formerly appointed.

Transcribe & Transmit.

It being mov'd that there is a business of great consequence to this Church to be consider'd, some proposed that a select Comittee should be appointed for that Emergent; others were for the standing Comittee of Overtures. Upon the Question it carry'd that the stated Comittee of Overtures shall consider that affair first before they enter on any other business, the peace of this Church being in some apparent danger, that some General Overture for preserving our peace for the future may be fram'd. The Comittee for this was Mr Craghead, Mr Ja: Bruce, Mr Choppin, Mr Masterton, Mr Abernethy, Mr Lang, Mr Cobham, Conll Upton, who are also to frame an Overture about printing and publishing doctrines that may tend to division in this Church. The Comittee for this were Mr Hutcheson Mr Gray, Mr Kirkpatrick. These two Overtures were fram'd, read, and approv'd. See in Synod Minuts, Sess: 5.

To Overture what may be for the peace of this Church.

This Interloqr agree to lay before the Synod the necessity of reviving the Comittees from North and South, the Brethren from Dublin having so expressly recomended that.

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Mr Haliday gave account of his Negotiation whilst in London on account of this Church, several letters to be writ to these who had done or may do us service. He desir'd that an affair wherein he is greatly concern'd may be discusst in Synod. See Sess: 10.

Mr Haliday gives accot.

Mr John Hutcheson laid the case of James Henderson, a person of good repute, and reduc'd to the great straits which require our Compassion and assistance. This case being consider'd, agreed to recomend his case to the several Presbytries. The Charity for him is to be manag'd in the maner following:—Ardmagh Presbytry to pay to Mr Hutcheson, Tyrone to Mr John Keñedy, Down to Mr James Bruce, Antrim to Mr Brown, Belfast to Mr Fraser, Colerain to Mr McBride, Derry to Mr Ross, Latterkeñy to Mr Laird, Straban to Mr Maxwel, Augher to Mr Thomas McClane, Longford to Mr Teatt.

Ja: Hendrson, of Ardmagh, recomended for our Charity.

Whereas mutual jealousies and suspicions have been entertain'd among Brethren, which have an unhappy tendency to destroy Charity and endanger the peace of this Church, this Synod dos earnestly recomend to all Ministers and others to lay aside their jealousies; to have a due regard to one another's reputation, and, if they hear any thing reported to the disadvantag of each other, they shall not rashly

A Caveat agt unjust jealousies among Brethren.

entertain it, but either make a visit to such a Brother, or let him know what they heard, or acquaint him by a letter, that so in a private Christian way he may have opportunity to clear himself and give satisfaction; that noe public complaint shall be made by any, till they have follow'd the Gospel Rule to tell their broth^{r} betwixt him and them alone what they find fault with; and in fine, we do earnestly recomend to all our Brethren to deal frankly and openly with one another on such occasions.

Then the Synod's Comittee was appointed. The members are as follows:—

Fixt Comittee.

Belfast— Mr Kirkpatrick.
Mr Mich: Bruce.
Mr Jas: Arbuckle, Elder.

Straban— Mr Nehem: Donaldson.
Mr John Ball.
Mr Edwards, Elder.

Colrain— Mr Math: Haltridg.
Mr Porter.
Capt Hyland, Eld^{r}.

Ardm:— Mr Geo: Lang.
Mr Rob: Rainey.
Mr Ballentyne, Eld^{r}.

Augher— Mr Bapt: Boyd.
Mr Tho: McClane.
Capt Wilson, Elder.

Longford—Mr Rob: Thompson.
Mr Sim.
M^{r} Jo: Wilson, Elder.

Down— M^{r} Ja: Bruce.
Mr Tho: Orr.
Mr Trail, Elder.

Derry— Mr John Stirling.
Mr Willm Gray.
Ald^{r} Macky, Eld^{r}.

Tyrone— Mr Crooks.
Mr Milikin.
Capt Stephenson, Eld^{r}.

Latterkeny—Mr Ferly.
M^{r} Jo: Holmes.
Capt Henderson, Elder.

Antrim— Mr Abernethy.
Mr Liviston.
Con^{ll} Upton, Eld^{r}.

This Comittee to consider the affair of Usher's Key, or any other Emergent relating to this Church.

This Comittee, with the joint Comittee, to meet at Newry, to be then call'd by the Prebry of Dublin; when our own Concern to meet at Belfast, to be call'd by the Moderator of the Synod.

When the Lord Lieu^{t} comes over, the Brethren in Dublin are to address him in their own name and name of this Synod.

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